



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2023-0825

Motion: 23-490

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Project Agreement between Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC for the State Route (SR) 530 Broadband Project.

Scope: Snohomish County has negotiated an agreement with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC for the SR 530 Broadband Project in which an Infrastructure Acceleration grant award and a grant agreement for the proposed multi-year project with funding (see ECAF 2023-0823/Motion 23-477), allows to accept funding and proceed with related construction and use agreements for to the SR 530 Broadband Project.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Amount of Federal Funds Obligated: \$16,713,615

Amount of Local match (Ziplly): \$9,009,854

Amount of Indefeasible Right to Use Fee (Snohomish County): \$125,100

Duration: Start Date: July 1, 2021; End Date June 30, 2025, contingent on reappropriation; which has been verified.

Authority Granted: Approving and authorizing the Executive to execute the Agreement between Snohomish County and the Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC for the SR 530 Broadband project.

Background: Snohomish County has received an Infrastructure Acceleration grant award from the Washington State Broadband Office for American Rescue Recovery Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the SR 530 Broadband Project, that will enable gigabit fiber connectivity along or near SR 530 to approximately 4,510 addresses.

The communities to be connected include Bryant, Trafton, Cicero, Oso, Rowan, Hazel, Swede Heaven, Whitehorse, and Darrington. The County has negotiated multiple endpoints and up to 12 strands of fiber in segments throughout the network. Certain endpoints and segments are adjacent to but outside the scope of the grant area and carry an IRU fee to the County of \$125,100. The approved project spans multiple years, includes several complex, industry-specific agreements and is funded by federal recovery grant funds and matching funds.

Requested Action: To consider the motion.