

During the April 13, 2009, Palo Alto Council meeting, Councilmember Klein provided staff direction on the Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) issue with his four-part motion (seconded by Councilmember Barton) which, after discussion, passed 8-0:

1. Terminate the broadband RFP with Axia NetMedia and other consortium members.
2. Prepare and submit, utilizing Fiber Optic Fund reserves as recommended by staff, a stimulus funds application for a citywide Palo Alto open-access FTTP network.
3. Contact other providers who successfully work with governments on FTTP network partnerships. The winning bidders in Singapore and Australia were mentioned, as were AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, and Fort Wayne, IN.
4. Develop a plan to proceed with a phased build-out of the existing backbone or other advanced technologies that would accomplish the same goals.

The next Council discussion of FTTP is likely to occur during a meeting in early June.

Council was told the current NTIA (responsible for granting \$4.7 billion of broadband stimulus funds) timetable is to have grant application forms ready for distribution by June with first grant applications due in July 2009.