

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

April 9, 2010

First of all, I wanted to let you know that we are moving forward on the design of the waterfront improvements. Next week we plan on releasing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for design services for the enhancements to our waterfront area along Railroad Avenue. This RFP will provide for a 45-day response period so, hopefully, we will have a design firm to recommend to the Council in June or July. In order to provide coordination between these improvements and other projects recommended in the recent AIA study, we have combined the design for the wayfinding signs and entryway features along with the comprehensive transportation plan into one RFP. This will result in one firm being hired for these projects to provide some consistency in the final plans and projects that will be prepared.

The William Shore Memorial Pool District (WSMPD) is moving forward with their plans to take over management of the pool effective on June 1. With this in mind, this week we provided pool employees with the required notice that their positions with the City are being discontinued. We are working closely with the WSMPD on a number of other issues to ensure a smooth transition including the transfer of equipment and the pool maintenance contract.

This week we finalized the federal grant request that would fund a comprehensive broadband mobile wireless network that has been discussed with the Council over the past six months. As stated in the attached letter, the primary focus of this grant is to improve the communications ability for public safety personnel working in the field. This is a partnership effort involving NoaNet, the City, County, and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the grant application.

I wanted to remind you that next Saturday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m. there will be a special Council meeting to talk about preliminary issues related to the 2011 Budget. This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and it is expected to last 2-3 hours. On Monday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting the Sequim City Council for a joint meeting in the Vern Burton Meeting Rooms. Dinner will be provide and the agenda for this meeting will be distributed on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

- Kent Myers



April 8, 2010

Ms. Angela Wu
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Dear Ms. Wu:

This letter is written in support of our community's BTOP application, in partnership with NoaNet, to implement a comprehensive area-wide broadband mobile wireless network. Our local team includes The City of Port Angeles, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Clallam County.

The proposed mobile wireless project will provide integrated high-speed broadband communications and interoperability among all local public safety entities. It will be integrated with the region's existing fiber optic infrastructure and will focus on the field communications needs of City, Tribe, and County first responders. This project will allow the City to leverage a range of in-place public and private broadband assets to deliver essential communications services to first responders in the field and the public at large. Additional information in support of our proposed project is summarized below.

- The primary focus of this project is the public safety community's need to deliver interoperable high-bandwidth mobile data communications to first responders in the field, allowing them to access critical and time-sensitive information on site. The proposed high-capacity broadband wireless network will provide public safety staff in the field with full and timely access to state, federal, and GIS databases, and will allow EMS responders to access medical databases and support on-site telemetry of patient status.
- A citywide wireless broadband footprint will provide a timely and cost-effective mechanism to interconnect, monitor, and control all of the many distributed elements of the City's complex electrical, water, storm water, and wastewater facilities. In addition to providing backbone control, the density of coverage will allow cost-effective future deployment of Smart Grid technology throughout the City. The addition of wireless PC devices to utility and other City vehicles associated with permitting and building and electrical site inspections will improve staff efficiency by allowing managers to send work orders directly to staff in the field. Maintenance staff will also have full on-line

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access to design documents and maps in the field, reducing the need for in-office support and trips back to the shop.

- The presence of a citywide high-speed fiber optic infrastructure will also allow for the implementation, at a very nominal cost, of a commercial "open access" multi-provider wireless access system that does not exist today, which will be deployed as a public-private partnership with existing local service providers. The goal of this aspect of the project is to provide a cost-effective network open to all incumbent service providers. The City's future local service provider partner will offer affordable subscriber rates that will be attractive to a wide range of commercial, residential, and public sector users. In addition, a subsidized service program will be established to provide a "basic broadband lifeline" service to residents who would otherwise be unable to subscribe due to economic hardship.


The service area for this project will include the City of Port Angeles and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Reservation. There are no service providers currently offering an area-wide broadband mobile wireless network for public safety within the City of Port Angeles. The Tribal Reservation is not served by a cable television provider, and there is no high-speed network service universally available within the tribal lands.

Finally, we are of the view that this project targets key goals of the federal government's BTOP grants initiative, including:

- Support of public safety entities
- Interagency coordination
- Serving tribal entities/lands
- Technical innovations

For the reasons stated above, we respectfully request your support for the NoaNet proposal in this round of funding.

Very truly yours,



Kent Myers
City Manager

cc: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Wave Broadband
Capacity Provisioning, Inc.
Clallam County Public Utility District