



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-50


**The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Nicholas Page, Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Engineering Caucus
Wayne Beckermann, Vice President of Municipal Affairs


Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:


Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:


Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

Google Fiber Support Bill

"A bill in full support of bringing Google Fiber to the Bryan-College Station area."

- Whereas(1):** The Student Senate is the official representative body and voice of all 58,000+ students at Texas A&M University; and
- Whereas(2):** The price of education is at an all-time high, and internet access is essential for a contemporary college student; and
- Whereas(3):** Currently, only two options for gigabit internet service exist in the Bryan-College Station area, and there is an absolute market demand for Google Fiber's features and affordability; and
- Whereas(4):** Google determines expansion locations largely based on public interest, enthusiasm of local government officials and ease of bringing the services into the new location; and
- Whereas(5):** Google has released a "Fiber Checklist" for government officials to review to determine if a city is an ideal location for Fiber services, and the city of College Station has met and exceeded requirements and recommendations of this list as it already leases dark fiber and dark conduit, has a single point of contact, has extremely low permit fees and has a simple process to follow for setting up such services, as has been recently demonstrated by bringing WireStar into the city to compete with Suddenlink's gigabit service; and,



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Further Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell '16

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Whereas(6): City Council Members have already expressed support of bringing Google Fiber into Bryan-College Station area and the Student Body stands behind this sentiment completely and totally.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That it be the official will and the request of the Texas A&M Student Body that Google brings Google Fiber services to the Bryan-College Station area and that Texas A&M administration echo a similar sentiment through a letter of support; and

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): That an official email or letter of support, along with this legislation, shall be sent to Google notifying them of the City of College Station, Texas A&M Administration and Texas A&M University Student Body's will to this effect; and

Let it be

Further

Enacted(3): This legislation, upon passage, should be sent to the following officials:

Milo Medin – Google Fiber Executive

John Sharp – Chancellor of Texas A&M University System

Michael Young – President of Texas A&M University

Scott Honea – Texas A&M Interim Associate Vice President for IT and CIO

Nancy Berry – Mayor

Blanche Brick – Mayor Pro Tem

James Benham – Councilman

Julie Schultz – Councilwoman

John Nichols – Councilman

Karl Mooney – Councilman

Steve Aldrich – Councilman

Kelly Templin – City Manager