

Appendix 1

Task Force Background

Task Force Charge

1. Assessing the public need within Eagan’s business and residential community need for additional broadband alternatives and market competition for broadband services, including the likely impact such competition would have.
2. Determine the feasibility of additional broadband capabilities in Eagan, including specifically:
 - a. The need or desire for “redundancy within the Eagan business community
 - b. Whether Eagan needs or should pursue wireless hot spots within the City, given the proliferation of handheld devices.
 - c. Whether a wireless network within Eagan is feasible
 - d. Whether additional broadband capability or other technology infrastructure improvements create an economic development /business recruitment/retention advantage
 - e. The options and costs for option to pursue desired technology goals
 - f. The potential for enhanced City revenues by making tower space available to a wireless broadband provider who would revenue share
3. Any other significant technology infrastructure recommendations the task force has for the continued prosperous growth of Eagan as a desirable place to live and work.
4. In concert with the consultant to the project, develop a reproducible methodology for measuring the technology infrastructure in the future.
5. Bring any significant public policy issues back to the City Council prior to completion of the Task Force’s work.

Task Force Members

Large Corporation IT representatives

Fred Dickson, VP
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN

Rick King, CTO
Thomson West

Michael Rattigan, VP
US Bank

Theresa Wise, CIO
Northwest Airlines

General Business Representatives

Ruthe Batulis, President
Northern Dakota County
Chambers of Commerce

Jan Stapleton, Owner
Insty-Prints

Al Zeitz, Owner
Al Zeitz Business Solutions

Residents

Tom Barott

Steven Chavez

City Commission Representatives

Joseph Conlon
Telecommunications Commission

Raza Hasan
Economic Development Commission

Jean Cheklis
Economic Development Commission
(Jean had to resign midway through the
study process due to family concerns.)

Pat Todd
Economic Development Commission

Task Force Meeting Summaries

May - Organizational Meeting

- Introductions
- Review of Task Force Charge
- Review of technology trends and Eagan issues

June

- Presentation on Thomson West Company
- Presentation on the Role of Communities in Telecommunications
- Review of progress on telecommunications inventory
- Tour of Thomson West data center

July

- Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce Overview
- Review of competed telecom inventory
- Initiation of policy discussion

August

- Blue Cross Blue Shield Overview
- Presentation on city towers and rights of way policies
- Presentation on ISD 196 technology use and planning
- Policy development and discussion
- Report on discussions with Qwest

September

- Eagan Community Center Overview
- Finalize policy presentation for City Council review
- City of Chaska Wi Fi presentation

October

- Northwest Airlines data center Overview
- Presentation on wireless types
- Financial modeling review
- Private tower ordinance presentation

November

- Receive final report and recommend to the City Council