



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	April 27, 2026
Department:	Information Technology
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of Public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

IT Manager Chris Johnston

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Fiber Loop Project Update

Attachments:

1. Fiber Project Memo 2026
2. Fiber Project Memo 2026 – Supplementary Documents

Summary:

The Town of Hillsborough has set aside funds for construction of an independently owned fiber loop that would connect all town sites with a fast, reliable, and redundant internet connection. However, the costs of deploying and maintaining such a project outweigh the benefits due to a change in the fiber provider landscape and decreasing costs.

Financial impacts:

The town would pay more monthly for faster and more reliable internet. Funds that are currently set aside or are being diverted to this project would be freed up for other purposes.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Staff recommends purchasing fiber from an established vendor for all town sites and cease setting aside money for a dedicated town fiber loop.

Action requested:

Cancel the Fiber Loop project and instead purchase fiber from a telecom vendor with services at all town sites.