



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: November 24, 2025

TOPIC METRO Act Permit Application – Metro Fibernet LLC

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

Council is scheduled to consider approving the METRO Act permit application from Metro Fibernet LLC of Evansville, Indiana, for access to and ongoing usage of the public right-of-way, including public roadways, highways, streets, alleys, easements, and waterways ("Public Ways") in the Village for a telecommunications system.

On March 14, 2002, three bills were signed into law in Michigan to stimulate the availability of affordable high-speed Internet connections. Act 48 of the Public Acts of 2002 created the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunication Rights-of-Way Oversight (METRO) Authority, whose purpose was to assist telecommunication providers in cutting through red tape to obtain permits without having to pay excessive fees or endure unnecessary delays. Under Public Act 88 of 2014, the Local Community Stabilization Authority assumed the role of the METRO Authority.

Village Attorney Kucharek has reviewed the company's application. She finds that the application complies with the requirements of the METRO Act and recommends approval.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Metro Fibernet LLC paid to the Village the required \$500.00 application fee for consideration for approval of their METRO Act application.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To approve the METRO Act application dated September 5, 2025, from Metro Fibernet LLC of Evansville, Indiana, for access to and ongoing usage of the public right-of-way, including public roadways, highways, streets, alleys, easements, and waterways ("Public Ways") in the Village for a telecommunications system; and to authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Village relating to the issuance of this permit.