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GVTC makes Boerne an all-fiber city

SMITHSON VALLEY, September 19, 2016 — GVTC has completed work on expanding its fiber network throughout the Boerne city limits, more than five months ahead of schedule. The expansion added another 1,600 fiber rooftops, resulting in approximately 6,800 Boerne residences eligible to get GVTC fiber-to-the-home. Fiber connected homes and businesses have access to GVTC services including SpeedSync™, the only symmetrical broadband service in the area, along with internet connection speeds up to 1 gigabit.

“We all know Boerne is a unique place, and now with this important project completed, we will experience faster and more reliable telecommunications services where we live and work,” Boerne Mayor, Mike Schultz, added. “This partnership with GVTC helps us maintain our competitive advantage in our pursuit for businesses that depend on this level of service.”

“With this accomplishment, our GVTC GigaRegion® partners of Bulverde, Gonzales and Boerne are all-fiber cities, putting us in an even stronger position to retain and compete for new jobs, throughout the region,” Ritchie Sorrells, GVTC president & CEO, said. “This unique, fiber asset will help Boerne achieve their economic development goals.”

The fiber expansion project began in 2015 after the Boerne City Council approved a measure to partner with GVTC by providing access to electric utility poles for aerial fiber runs. Boerne also agreed to pay \$77,500 to a third party contractor for a utility pole load analysis and pole change out. GVTC committed approximately \$1.8 million on labor and construction costs.

“The city of Boerne relies on public-private partnerships to enhance the quality of life here,” City Manager, Ron Bowman, said. “Expectations are high in this community, and we believe this project is a major step forward in meeting those expectations for improved telecommunication services.”

February 2017 was the initial targeted completion date. Years of fiber construction experience was a factor in helping GVTC crews finish months ahead of schedule, with minimal disruption to residents.

“We’ve built fiber to over 20,000 homes over the past several years. It’s not a simple practice by any means but we’ve done it enough that we’re good at it.” George O’Neal, GVTC vice president, network services, said. “For this project, we gained significant time with measures put in place, for an eventual residential build out, during our fiber construction in the Boerne businesses district 10 years ago.”

GVTC is direct marketing to eligible Boerne residents. Customers can also go to GVTC.com to learn about fiber products and pricing.

About GVTC:

GVTC is an award winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. Through its fiber network GVTC offers broadband speeds up to 1 Gbps and symmetrical broadband connections, up to 100 Mbps.

GVTC offers wholesale carrier transport between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Houston, with unique access to remote Texas markets. The company organized the GVTC GigaRegion®, a unique private-public partnership, with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. The GVTC GigaRegion® markets the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.

The company’s philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2016. The Foundation has donated over \$2 million dollars to charitable organizations throughout the GVTC service area.

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