



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ALAN MCGRAW

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RE: **Google Fiber for Communities - Round Rock, Texas**

Dear Google Team:

I would first like to applaud Google for being at the forefront of the national initiative to deploy more ultra-high speed fiber networks throughout our country. As you review proposals from many communities, I think you will find Round Rock - just north of Austin, Texas - is in a prime position to provide the atmosphere and support you'll need from a "pilot" community.

Round Rock is the right size, in population and geography, and has the right leadership to take ownership and partner with you to make this trial successful. We are a mid-size community with outstanding weather and a network of major higher education and medical institutions that could help push the envelope to do some unique experimentation with your fiber optic network. The timing could not be more perfect with so three higher education facilities newly built or nearly complete with state-of-the-art infrastructure.

We recognize the potential for profound global impact, and local benefits including a boost to residential Internet speeds, economic development and generating a buzz, especially among our younger generation.

Thank you for considering Round Rock as a partnering community. We continually rank among the safest cities in the nation and among communities with a strong economy for riding out the recession. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 218-5403 or mayormcgraw@round-rock.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Alan McGraw
Mayor
Round Rock, Texas