

<p>TITLE</p> <p>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF FACILITY PERMIT RIGHT-OF-WAY ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLOSED FIBER OPTIC NETWORK BETWEEN THE LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO</p>	<p>DATE</p> <p>11/2/16</p>	<p>ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.</p> <p>Department of Engineering and Environmental Services</p> <p>SPONSOR OR COUNCIL MEMBER</p> <p>Department of Engineering and Environmental Services</p>
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PURPOSE

To authorize and provide for the waiver of facility permit right-of-way annual fee (estimated cost \$17,700) for the construction of a closed fiber optic network between the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and the Northwestern State University School of Nursing, pursuant to the enhancement/expansion of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI).

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District: **All**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose and mission of the LONI network is to improve the lives of all Louisiana citizens by providing a statewide fiber optic, high-performance computing and distribution storage network, specifically targeted to education and research. Access to the LONI network is available only to network participants and affiliates, including all Louisiana public and independent institutions of higher education, as approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

MASTER PLAN CONSIDERATION:

N/A

TIMETABLE

Introduction: **NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

Final Passage: **NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

No associated costs.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

| None

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that this resolution be approved as presented.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2016

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WHEREAS, The Louisiana Board of Regents, through its statewide program the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) intends to construct a closed fiber optic network between the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and the Northwestern State University School of Nursing, pursuant to the enhancement/expansion of the LONI network; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the facility permit right-of-way annual fee for the fiber optic infrastructure will assist the Louisiana Board of Regents in achieving their goal of improving the lives of all Louisiana citizens by providing a statewide fiber optic, high-performance computing and distributed storage network, specifically targeted to education and research; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened the facility permit right-of-way annual fee is waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office