



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No:** 2010-0220

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** John D. Staran, City Attorney  
**DATE:** May 11, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit for CenturyTel

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**REQUEST:**

City Council is asked to approve a new Telecommunications Permit (Bilateral Form) for CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC dba Lightcore.

**BACKGROUND:**

The original Telecommunications Permit Agreement, dated November 5, 1999, between CenturyTel Michigan Network and the City, has expired. Pursuant to that permit agreement, CenturyTel (dba Lightcore) installed a network of telecommunication lines in the public rights-of-way as depicted in their route map accompanying this agenda summary. CenturyTel would like to renew their permit.

After the original permit agreement was entered into, the State enacted the METRO Act which governs the telecommunications right-of-way permitting process, and prescribes uniform fees, conditions and permit forms. Consequently, instead of renewing the old permit agreement, it is necessary to issue a new permit utilizing the standard METRO Act Permit Bilateral form, which has a 15-year term, with options to renew for up to 15 more years. Fees are prescribed by the METRO Act and are payable by the permittee to the METRO Authority based on linear feet. The METRO Authority annually redistributes all the fees its collects to municipalities statewide in accordance with the Act 51 formula.

No new facilities are proposed to be installed. No additional staff time is expected for administration of this permit, and the City's annual METRO Act revenues will not be directly impacted, so the budget and staff impact associated with this request is negligible.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council is asked to renew CenturyTel's telecommunications right-of-way permit by approving a new Telecommunications Permit (Bilateral form).

<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Department Review</b>		
<b>Department Director</b>		
<b>Mayor</b>		
<b>City Council Liaison</b>		