



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION DRAFT

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER: 20230111-7
REGARDING: Project Lighthouse & Innovation Support

WHEREAS, Over (20%) of students in Austin ISD have been using hotspots; and between March 2020 and July 2022, nearly 30,000 hotspots were used to connect Austin ISD students to the internet, at a cost of \$7.17 million for delivery of hot spots.

WHEREAS, AISD is seeking to improve telecommunication services on and around all campuses by providing free services to our students and their families for educational purposes where Internet access has historically been limited.

WHEREAS, Students' academic performance can be negatively affected without the Internet since they cannot connect with teachers, classmates, or get online homework help.

WHEREAS, Families can miss information or lose out on a direct line of communication with their schools and teachers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The CTTC recommends that the Austin City Council support the Project Lighthouse Project Pilot rollout at Austin Independent School District and evaluate the program for expanded implementation.

The CTTC further recommends that community engagement be prioritized to ensure the support and awareness of the neighborhoods impacted by service expansion.

The CTTC requests that the City Council approve the necessary changes to the interlocal agreement that would allow the installation of the necessary infrastructure to support AISD Project Lighthouse.

Date of Approval: **01/11/2023**

Record of the Vote: Motion to approve the item as edited made by Chair Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Yeatts, passed on a vote of 8-0.

ATTEST:



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