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Eugene Downtown Fiber Team Receives Statewide Award

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference's award for excellence in telecommunications projects and regional/local strategies went to the City of Eugene, EWEB, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), and the Technology Association of Oregon (TAO) for its partnership to implement a high-speed telecommunications network in downtown Eugene. The award recognized the inter-agency efforts that implemented the successful pilot project that brought a fiber connection to a handful of buildings in the downtown, and led to the Plan to extend the network to the rest of the downtown.



The Oregon Connections Conference awards are based on the extraordinary efforts, achievements, and innovation in community-based approaches to broadband which distinguish themselves in the effort to ensure that more communities benefit from new technology.

The fiber network will cover much of downtown Eugene. It will be an open-access network, where EWEB will own the fiber infrastructure and private internet service providers will have access to the infrastructure and provide telecommunications services to the businesses using the network. For more information about the Downtown Eugene Fiber Network, please contact Anne Fifield, Community Development Division, 541-682-5451, or visit www.eugene-or.gov/fiber.

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Mayor Piercy Leads Downtown Holiday Kickoff Celebration: Light Up Downtown

Come kick off the holiday season with Mayor Kitty Piercy at Light Up Downtown. Last year marked the first time in more than a decade that a holiday lighting ceremony was held downtown and this year continues the tradition. The free, family friendly event will feature the Eugene Concert Choir, Eugene Ballet Company, flex Studios, the University of Oregon's Mind the Gap and more partners from Eugene's arts and cultural district to celebrate the holiday season by illuminating the Park Blocks and Kesey Square. There will be warm apple cider from Whole Foods, popcorn and more. A warm clothing drive to St. Vincent de Paul will also be included to help those in need this winter. Please only bring NEW warm clothes.



Light Up Downtown will be held on Friday, November 18 from 5:15-6:30 p.m. at the East Park Blocks at E. 8th Ave. at Oak St.

The event is produced by City of Eugene Cultural Services and made possible with generous support from ePark, Downtown Eugene Merchants, Mix 94.5, Pacific Benefit Planners and Sherry Shaefers State Farm Insurance.

For more details, please visit the [Facebook event page](#) or contact [Colette Ramirez](#), City of Eugene Cultural Services Community Events Manager at 541-682-6347.

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