

Internet service upgrade planned for Atchison

(KAIR)--As early as next summer, Atchison will see an upgrade to internet service, with an Everest-based company planning a multi-million-dollar project to provide a fiber-optic broadband network for the city.

According to a release from Rainbow Communications, the project involves laying and attaching more than 75-miles of fiber-optic cable. Phase one of the project will mean a \$3 million investment in the city's downtown area, and the beginning of permanent residency inside of Atchison.

The fiber build-out will consist of breaking Atchison into thirteen areas, which the company calls "Fiberhoods." A waiting list for future service can be found on the company's website.

Rainbow has also purchased property at 101 Commercial Street as a permanent office location; but until the renovation of the former Atchison Grocery Warehouse is complete, the company will operate in Atchison at the Berger Building, beginning in the spring of 2021.

Rainbow Communications has worked within Atchison County in the past, extending its fiber-optic network to the Shannon Industrial Park in 2018, in a partnership with the City and County of Atchison in an effort to attract new businesses.

In 2019, working with the Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation, the company extended fiber internet to the Amelia Earhart Airport.

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