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PEAK Internet testing Wi-Fi feasibility in Albany

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Corvallis, Ore. – In coordination with the City of Albany, PEAK Internet is in the process of performing a feasibility project for a city Wi-Fi network that would be deployed in several locations throughout downtown Albany.

Currently PEAK Internet has installed equipment on City Hall and Fire Station 11, with hopes of expanding to several other locations including the Main Library on 14th Avenue.

The equipment installed on City Hall is currently an open access Internet “hot spot” for people to use as the implementation progresses. Users will soon be prompted by a PEAK Internet branded logon screen where they can create accounts, sign into the network and use the free Internet access where available.

This pilot project was initiated by PEAK Internet to test specific city Wi-Fi network equipment and to provide a model for a possible Albany Wi-Fi project. At the end of the project, results may be taken to city council for evaluation.

It is important to note that the current equipment outlay is part of a pilot project and service could be non-accessible at certain times throughout day while maintenance or other operations occur.

PEAK Internet appreciates comments on the functionality. Information on access speeds, locations used and other service issues may be sent to comments@peakinternet.com.

“We are very excited about the possibility of providing wireless Internet access in strategic areas in the City of Albany,” said Rick Petersen, CEO/President of PEAK Internet. “This pilot study will help us determine how feasible a project like city Wi-Fi is in Albany and we are looking forward to working with the city moving forward.”

Petersen continued to say city Wi-Fi deployments have had varying degrees of success, however affordable and reliable wireless broadband Internet has many applications throughout a city including: public safety, utility monitoring, and pervasive Internet service to residents. All of which have been utilized in other city Wi-Fi implementations.

PEAK Internet and the City of Lebanon recently completed a successful city Wi-Fi network that covers most of the incorporated city.