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Commissioner Andy Meyers Hails 'End of the Digital Divide' as Comcast Fiber Expands to Thompsons, and Three Other Fort Bend Communities

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THOMPSONS, Texas — High-speed fiber internet is coming to Thompsons and three other Fort Bend County communities that have long gone without broadband service, thanks to an \$18.9 million partnership between Fort Bend County and Comcast.

On Monday night, Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers, Thompsons Mayor Freddie Newsome and Comcast representatives updated residents on the project's progress.

"For too long, many of you have relied on mobile hotspots and old satellite technology that cut out every time a big storm rolled through the area," Meyers said. "Now, help is on the way to ensure that Thompsons doesn't get left behind at the digital divide."

Comcast crews have been laying fiber-optic cable outside of Thompsons for several weeks and on Monday night they briefed residents on their plans to start the process within the town. The project will also deliver Xfinity residential and Comcast Business services to Kendleton, Needville and Simonton by the end of 2026. Fort Bend County's share of the project is \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, complemented by a \$16.4 million investment from Comcast.

At the town hall, Comcast teams answered resident questions, provided construction updates and demonstrated Xfinity and Comcast Business products and services.

Meyers said the benefits reach across generations, noting that students will be able to complete schoolwork from home, seniors and veterans can make virtual visits to doctors from their living rooms, and farmers can tap into GPS-guided equipment and real-time soil monitoring tools that depend on reliable connectivity.

"The future is coming to Thompsons," Meyers said, "and it's coming at light speed."

Thompsons resident John Treadgold, who has advocated for broadband access in his community for years, is thrilled that he'll soon have Xfinity high speed fiber.

"Thompsons and maybe Beasley or Kendleton were the two worst-served broadband areas in all of the Houston area," Treadgold said. "People with kids and our older residents can now have reliable virtual doctor's visits, and the connection won't be fragile. This is in the ground. It's fiber."

Treadgold also praised Meyers for his hands-on engagement with the community.

"Andy picks up the phone and he comes out here," Treadgold said.

Attached Photo: Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers and Comcast Director of Government Affairs Nicholas Jimenez.