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Summit Connects fiber project underway in Barberton

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Mayor William B. Judge are pleased to share the Summit Connects project is officially under construction. When complete, the project will link all 31 communities in Summit County to a public safety fiber network to enhance the quality and security of public safety operations and other critical local government services.

While working in Barberton, the Summit Connects team will uphold a Good Neighbor Commitment. They will:

- Maintain Communication
- Minimize impact to traffic
- Prioritize safety to traffic and the public
- Be respectful
- Restore the construction site

Additional information can be found at <https://co.summitoh.net/SummitConnects>. Questions should be directed to (234) 525-9901 or summitconnects@summitoh.net.

Summit County has provided a grant to the Development Finance Authority (DFA) to complete construction and installation of this 130-mile fiber ring. Construction is beginning in Stow, then moving to Silver Lake and Cuyahoga Falls. Construction will then continue clockwise around the County.

All costs will be covered by Summit County. The County and Fairlawn will be responsible for operating, maintaining, and repairing the fiber ring. Henkels & McCoy was selected as the construction contractor, while QCI was selected as the construction manager/inspection services firm.

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