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Public Wi-Fi and Interactive WayPoints coming soon to Bexar County

This morning, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff provided local media a sneak peek at the new WayPoints coming soon to the downtown San Antonio area. Through a pilot program authorized by Commissioners Court last fall, six (6) CIVIQ Smartscales WayPoints will provide new, street-level communications technology that creates a public Wi-Fi and interactive network for residents and visitors. These devices include dual 55" outdoor displays, dual touchscreens, easy access to Wi-Fi, and USB Quick Charge capabilities.

Five WayPoints will be placed at four downtown County facilities, providing residents and visitors with free high speed Wi-Fi hot spots. A location for the sixth WayPoint has not yet been determined.

"I'm very excited to host this sneak peek to the community," stated County Judge Nelson Wolff. "These WayPoints will provide quick access to County information and our places of interest including our World Heritage sites. This is another step in the County's efforts in building a vibrant urban environment and expanding wireless technology for Bexar County residents and visitors."

This unique service brings big benefits to residents, commuters and visitors. The WayPoints will help people find their way by displaying information regarding points of interest, like the County's World Heritage sites and other local landmarks, parks, attractions, and local County offices and buildings, as well as Bexar County exhibits, upcoming events and information on BiblioTech. Users will also be able to send the information to their electronic devices such as a smart phone, tablet or iPad for enhanced mobility and wayfinding. The WayPoint also makes it easy to capture and send a digital postcard for tourists seeking a way to update their loved ones on their travels with a customized selfie.

"Bexar County is a model for smart community innovation," said Gerry Burns, President of CIVIQ Smartscales. "Judge Wolff and his team have shown a commitment and dedication to truly helping the residents of Bexar County connect to the digital world. We are thrilled to be a partner with the innovative and progressive leaders of Bexar County, and to support Judge Wolff's mission to connect all people in the County to services, places and experiences through new technology."

In communities like Bexar County, CIVIQ deploys a full solution to smart cities that connect people to services, places and experiences. Through interactive displays and a connected digital experience, CIVIQ's people-centered technology provides free high-speed public Wi-Fi for easy access to communications networks, timely transportation schedules to improve citizen mobility and emergency alerts to enhance safety and security throughout the community.

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