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Airpath and Ascio to deliver free Wi-Fi in Boston

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Airpath Wireless has announced that Ascio Wireless will use Airpath's WiBOSS Metro solution for administration and control of their "Boston Main Streets" public Wi-Fi project. The service, which is supported by advertising, is being piloted in four commercial districts throughout the city: Hyde Park; Roslindale; Washington Gateway; and West Roxbury.

The deployment is intended to show how Wi-Fi can be supplied to citizens free of usage charges and of taxpayer burden. It is a result of a 2004 feasibility study commissioned by Boston City Councilor John Tobin. Airpath's WiBOSS Metro is a hosted, hardware-neutral platform that enables wireless Internet service providers and system integrators to deploy and manage Internet access service for city deployments. It performs all critical business tasks for network operators and service providers such as subscriber management, provisioning, authentication, authorization, accounting, and report generation, within a single application.

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