



Addressing the Need for Speed

What is Google doing and what does it seek to achieve?

Google is planning to build, and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the country. They will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today with 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. They will offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000, and potentially up to 500,000 people. Oak Lawn has the need for broadband speed and we want to participate in this project.

Google's goal is to experiment with new ways to help make Internet access better, and faster for everyone. Here are some specific things that they have in mind:

- Next generation apps: They want to see what developers and users can do with ultra high-speeds, whether it's creating new bandwidth-intensive "killer apps" and services, or other uses we can't yet imagine.
- New deployment techniques: They will test new ways to build fiber networks; to help inform, and support deployments elsewhere, they will share key lessons learned with the world.
- Openness and choice: They will operate an "open access" network, giving users the choice of multiple service providers. And consistent with our past advocacy, we'll manage our network in an open, non-discriminatory, and transparent way.

Like their [WiFi network in Mountain View](#), the purpose of this project is to experiment and learn. Network providers are making real progress to expand and improve high-speed Internet access, but there's still more to be done. They don't think they have all the answers – but through our trial, they hope to make a meaningful contribution to the shared goal of delivering faster and better Internet for everyone.

Check out Google's [Fiber for Communities: Think Big with a Gig](#) video!

Oak Lawn is submitting an application in conjunction with Advocate Christ Medical Center to bring this network here.

What can you do to help?

Nominate Oak Lawn by doing one or all for of the following:

- Going to [Google's website](#) and nominating your community.
- Join Oak Lawn's "[The Need for Speed](#)" Facebook group in support.
- Make a [YouTube](#) video in support of our town's application. Tell Google why you have the "Need for Speed"! You can upload it to the Facebook page or your Twitter account.
- Sign up below in support!
- Share this link with your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and classmates.
- Tell everyone Oak Lawn has the Need for Speed!