

## Google Selects KC Region for Ultra-High Speed Broadband Pilot Projects

When NASCAR returns to Kansas Speedway later this spring, Kansas native Clint Bowyer will race around the track at speeds of 180 mph. What if he could travel 100 times faster?

Google announced today that they have selected Kansas City, Kan., as the first city to host their "Fiber for Communities" program. This program will allow businesses, government, residents and schools access to internet speeds up to 100 times faster than what is currently available.

Google has committed to work closely with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; the Wyandotte Economic Development Council; the Kauffman Foundation; University of Kansas Medical Center and KCADC's own tech/IT industry growth initiative – KCnext.

Since Google announced its plan in February 2010, 1,100 cities across the country were vying to be the pilot city for this project. Google's plan is to reach a total of at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people – and it will start in Kansas City. The lessons learned from their experience in KC will help improve Internet access everywhere.