



Connect Saint Paul



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Community Owned

- An investment in public infrastructure, just like our water, roads, sewers, & bridges.
- Economic benefits shared by everyone, not just Wall Street firms and bondholders.

Equitable

- Success in the new digital economy requires investing in the needs of future generations and residents, not simply “cherry-picking” affluent customers the way cable companies do it.
- Close the digital divide so that all children have equal Internet access outside of the classroom.
- Partner with community businesses and organizations to promote a more vibrant and diverse local economy.

Non-Profit

- Affordable access for all becomes possible when we put people before profits.
- As a community asset, all operations and finances will be transparent and accountable to the public.

Dig Once

- Add conduit whenever roads, streets, sidewalks, or bridges are under construction.
- Nearly 80% of installation costs come from digging trenches—coordination of all building projects in the city will ensure future savings and lay the groundwork for a public network.

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Let's start building a 21st century broadband network that ensures affordable, high-speed Internet access for everyone in St. Paul!

Please contact your city council member and the Mayor's office to insist that:

- The City of Saint Paul reconvene the citywide broadband task force before the end of 2015 with the stated purpose of developing within two years the necessary framework for designing, building, and financing a citywide fiber-optic network;
- The Mayor direct the Department of Public Works (or other appropriate entity) to begin mapping the existing broadband assets within the city to determine what technological gaps may need to be overcome to achieve a citywide fiber network; and
- The City of Saint Paul immediately adopt "dig once" policies for all construction projects so that an assessment can be made in real time whether the city should deploy fiber at a particular location if deemed integral to the development or expansion of a citywide fiber network.

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