

Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor's Office

Kentucky Communications Network Authority

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Executive Director

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Dear County Judge Executive:

Matthew G. Bevin

Governor

The Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA), the Kentucky state agency that oversees the KentuckyWired broadband project, wants to provide you a project status update, as well help direct questions about how your community can get more involved in the project!

As you are aware, the Commonwealth is currently building the KentuckyWired network. This project, the largest P3 telecommunications project in North America, will install high-speed fiber optic cable in all 120 Kentucky Counties. To date, we have completed installation of 1,200 of the planned 3,300 miles of fiber. There is another 800 miles ready for deployment in the coming weeks.

Although construction is taking place throughout the entire Commonwealth, the first portion to be completed will be the northern Kentucky-Louisville-Lexington area. Global internet points of presence, necessary for the network's traffic to be sent and received beyond our own footprint, are in Louisville and northern Kentucky (Cincinnati). Immediately afterward, the areas in Eastern Kentucky will be completed, and then the project moves west.

After well-publicized delays, this project is back on track and advancing faster than ever. The project is scheduled for completion in October 2020, with individual portions (or rings) of the network to be activated as they are finished. In fact, the project's current pace will see completion of the network's rings several months earlier than scheduled.

The Kentucky Wired Network represents the middle mile of the broadband deployment, although it will also be the last-mile to state agencies located in your county. The project, however, is also available on a wholesale basis to local government and the private sector. We are ready to assist you in explaining how your county can realize the full benefits of having access to high-speed fiber optic broadband service.

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KCNA functions as Kentucky's state broadband policy resource. If you, or any of your constituents, have questions about this project or any other broadband related issue, we are happy to help. Please direct all inquiries to me at (502) 782-5363, or corey.krill@ky.gov.

As we connect the network's sites in your counties, KCNA wants to thank you for your assistance as our construction vendors finish outside and inside plant construction. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corey Krill

Program Director

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