



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** December 13, 2022

**Title of Item:** Broadband- FCC Mapping Project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Mark Jeffers		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>The Economic Development Coordinator will provide an update and discussion concerning the new FCC Broadband service map and next steps.</p> <p><a href="https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home">https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home</a></p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Information only for discussion.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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**For Immediate Release**

**FCC RELEASES NEW NATIONAL BROADBAND MAPS**

***A First Step Toward Building Comprehensive, Standardized Maps of Broadband Availability Throughout the U.S***

WASHINGTON, DC, November 18, 2022—The Federal Communications Commission today released a pre-production draft of its new National Broadband Map. The map will display specific location-level information about broadband services available throughout the country – a significant step forward from the census block level data previously collected. This release of the draft map kicks off the public challenge processes that will play a critical role in improving the accuracy of the map. An accurate map is an important resource for targeting funding and other efforts to bring broadband to unserved and underserved communities.

“Today is an important milestone in our effort to help everyone, everywhere get specific information about what broadband options are available for their homes, and pinpointing places in the country where communities do not have the service they need,” **said Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. “Our pre-production draft maps are a first step in a long-term effort to continuously improve our data as consumers, providers and others share information with us. By painting a more accurate picture of where broadband is and is not, local, state, and federal partners can better work together to ensure no one is left on the wrong side of the digital divide.”

The public will be able to view the maps at [broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov) and search for their address to see information about the fixed and mobile services that internet providers report are available there. If the fixed internet services shown are not available at the user’s location, they may file a challenge with the FCC directly through the map interface to correct the information. Map users will also be able correct information about their location and add their location to the map if it is missing. The draft map will also allow users to view the mobile wireless coverage reported by cellular service providers.

The FCC today also announced the launch of an updated version of the FCC Speed Test App that will enable users to quickly compare the performance and coverage of their mobile networks to that reported by their provider. The app allows users to submit their mobile speed test data in support of a challenge to a wireless service provider’s claimed coverage. New users can download the FCC Speed Test App in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Existing app users should update the app to gain these new features.

A video tutorial and more information on how to submit challenges is available at [fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers](http://fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers).

For more information about the BDC, please visit the Broadband Data Collection website at [fcc.gov/BroadbandData](http://fcc.gov/BroadbandData).

NEED HIGH-SPEED INTERNET?

# CHECK THE NATIONAL BROADBAND MAP!



The FCC has a new map showing where high-speed service is – and is not – available across the country.



High-speed, high-quality internet service is essential for participation in modern life.



The map shows where internet service providers report service and includes input from consumers.

This is where YOU come in!

## Help Improve the Map



Search for your home or small business to see if your location and service availability are accurate on the map. If you think the map is incorrect or incomplete, you can [submit a challenge](#) to the FCC to correct it.

### Location Challenges can

- Add a missing location.
- Correct the address or other details of your location.
- Correct the geographic placement of your home or small business.

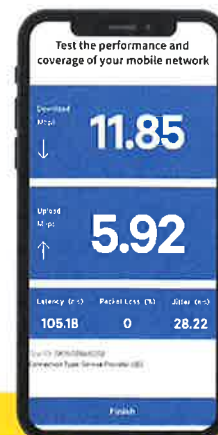
### Mobile Availability Challenges

Will be created using the FCC Speed Test App. To participate, download the App. The data that you share will be combined with other speed tests conducted in your area and may be used to create a challenge.

### Service Availability Challenges can

- Correct services not offered or reported speeds that are not available for purchase.
- Report that a provider denied a request for service or demanded connection charges that exceed its standard installation charge.
- Report that a provider failed to schedule an installation within 10 business days of a request for service or failed to perform the installation.

Scan for more information



Accurate Maps = Improved Internet Access

An accurate map will help identify the communities most in need of funding for high-speed internet projects.

[BroadbandMap.fcc.gov](http://BroadbandMap.fcc.gov)