

## Franklin County Broadband Initiative

At the June 17, 2019 meeting, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved an Agreement with [Open Broadband LLC](#) to support the deployment of broadband internet service into the unserved and underserved areas of Franklin County. Open Broadband is conducting feasibility studies for service deployment and reviewing areas to determine needs in the County. Watch your local media and social media sites for more information on meetings and Franklin County Broadband Initiative updates.

Click here to preregister with Open Broadband: <https://openbb.net/franklinco/>

See Additional Information Below:



**Franklin County  
Broadband Initiative**

**Community  
Information  
Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 22  
at 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**Franklin County VGCC Campus,  
8100 NC Hwy 56 W, Louisburg, NC**

**Come out and learn about Open Broadband's  
plans to expand broadband internet service  
in Franklin County.**

**Bring your friends and neighbors to listen and  
ask questions.**

Learn more at <https://openbb.net>

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## Learn More about Broadband Expansion in Franklin County *October 22 Community Meeting Planned*

**Franklin County, September 3, 2019:** Franklin County citizens will have an opportunity this fall to learn more about Open Broadband's plans to expand broadband internet service in Franklin County. On October 22, a Community Information Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Franklin County Vance Granville Community College Campus, 8100 Hwy 56 West in Louisburg. Citizens will hear about the plans Open Broadband has to address areas within the county which lack sufficient broadband service to meet the needs of residences, businesses and government. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions as they learn about how they can sign up, the initial areas where service will be introduced and how other areas will be selected for service deployment.

Open Broadband's expansion into Franklin County is the result of an Agreement County Commissioners approved June 17, 2019. The seven-year Agreement provides funds of up to \$188,000 per year for a four-year time period to Open Broadband to assist in bringing internet service to unserved and underserved areas of Franklin County.

The Agreement is the result of a Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Government's effort with Franklin, Granville and Vance Counties that began in late 2017. The three counties were guided by consultant Joe Freddoso of Mighty River LLC. Broadband Action Teams in each county conducted citizen surveys, developed an RFP and ultimately selected Open Broadband LLC to bring their service to the region.

Information about the Franklin County Broadband Initiative is available at [www.franklincountync.us](http://www.franklincountync.us) along with Links to the Open Broadband website and Frequently Asked Questions. Please attend the Community Information Meeting on October 22 to learn more about how service can be expanded into your area.

Open Broadband provides hybrid fiber and fixed-wireless internet service, up to gigabit speed, to many communities across North Carolina. Service is provided to residents, small and medium sized businesses, technology incubators, universities, and government locations including police, fire, town hall, and airport facilities. Open Broadband also provides free public Wi-Fi zones in downtown areas, parks, and campuses. Network deployment in Franklin County will take place in phases over the next four years. The first customer service activation is planned for the end of 2019.

Open Broadband is now accepting waitlist signups on the Franklin County tab of the website: <https://openbb.net/franklinco/>. Those on the waitlist will receive regular updates on the progress of the network build and will be contacted once service is made available in their area. Open Broadband is North Carolina owned and operated. Visit the company at <https://openbb.net> or follow them on LinkedIn and Twitter @OpenBBNet. For questions, email [info@openbb.net](mailto:info@openbb.net) or call 919-205-5400.

*Franklin County Government is committed to effective and innovative public services for all Franklin County citizens and businesses.*

## **Franklin County Broadband Initiative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: Have you heard about how Franklin County is working with Open Broadband to bring broadband internet service to Franklin County?**

A: Open Broadband's expansion into Franklin County is the result of an Agreement that County Commissioners approved at their June 17, 2019 Meeting to help bring fixed wireless broadband internet service to Franklin County.

**Q: How can I learn more about the service and the areas for deployment?**

A: Franklin County citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about Open Broadband's plans to expand broadband internet service in Franklin County. **On October 22, 2019, a Community Information Meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Franklin County VGCC Campus, 8100 Hwy 56 West, beginning at 6:30 PM.** Citizens will hear about the plans Open Broadband has to address areas within the county which lack sufficient broadband service to meet the needs of residences, businesses and government.

**Q: How can I pre-register with Open Broadband?**

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**Q: When can I expect service?**

A: Network deployment in Franklin County will take place in phases over the next four years. The first customer service activation is planned for the end of 2019.

**Q: What if my residence or business is located outside of the Phase 1 Service area?**

A: Pre-register for service no matter where you are located in Franklin County. The next phases of service deployment are being developed and updates will be communicated.

**Q: How can I get more information ?**

A: To reach Open Broadband, visit their website at <https://openbb.net> or follow them on LinkedIn and Twitter @OpenBBNet. For questions, email [info@openbb.net](mailto:info@openbb.net) or call 919-205-5400.

For questions or information about the Initiative, contact Franklin County Assistant County Manager Kim Denton at 919-496-5994.