



Next Steps in the Process

The preceding report completes the assessment portion of Connect Ohio's eCommunity Strategy Process. From this new starting point, the eCommunity Leadership Team will convene at regular intervals to work toward defining the selected projects for Montgomery County, engaging in a detailed planning process, and shepherding the project through to completion.

The Sector Leaders who make up our eCommunity Leadership Team will continue to participate as project teams, under the guidance and direction of Connect Ohio's State Operations Manager and with the additional support of Connect Ohio's Steering Committee members and partner organizations. Specific timeframes, measurable goals, and outside resources will be identified to ensure that our forthcoming meetings will enable the changes we've envisioned together here.

Prioritized projects will now take shape as actionable plans, with measurable goals and timelines. The elements of each plan will begin to take shape and move toward measurable results.

Connect Ohio will assist in identifying Technology Providers, Community Organizations, Government Agencies, Private Companies, and Subject Matter Experts who can help to move the individual projects toward completion. Generally, a monthly meeting with the eCommunity Leadership Team will serve as an opportunity to review our progress, discuss any obstacles, and maintain momentum on the selected projects.

Once the Priority Projects are under way and/or completed, Connect Ohio will continue to review and oversee the ongoing needs of the community, and will continue to cycle through the lower-priority projects to ensure that a cycle of continual improvement is occurring throughout the county and to bring updated technologies, best practices, and new advances to the community. For a depiction of Connect Ohio's eCommunity Strategy Process, please refer to exhibit E in this report's appendix.

As Governor Strickland has noted, Ohio must become the Broadband State – a leader for the nation and an example of a fully connected community with all of the benefits that can be realized from enhanced education, job, healthcare, and community experiences. Our ability to lead the nation as the most highly enabled Broadband economy will depend upon our continuing commitment to improve the Broadband infrastructure in terms of availability, adoption, and use.



Thank you for taking the time to help in producing this first and important step toward an undivided digital nation. Your efforts and involvement will make a difference for generations to come.