

Kansas city changes name -- temporarily -- to Google

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Topeka Mayor William Bunten issued a proclamation declaring that, for the month of March, the Kansas capital would be known as "[Google](#), Kansas -- the capital city of [fiber optics](#)."

The official city website, [Topeka.org](#), welcomes visitors to "The City of Google" -- written in the large colorful letters the Internet search giant is known for -- and includes a link to the mayor's proclamation.

Google announced last month that it planned to build experimental, ultra high-speed broadband networks that would deliver Internet speeds 100 times faster than those of today.

The Web search and advertising giant said the envisioned one-gigabit-per-second networks would be built in "a small number of trial locations" in the [United States](#)."

Communities seeking to take part in the experiment have until March 26 to make their interest known to Google. The selected communities will be announced later this year.

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