



Exploring Municipal Broadband in Seattle with **Chris Mitchell**

The City of Seattle realizes there is a need for increased broadband throughout the city and Mayor Murray has outlined his path forward in the Broadband Initiative, including the potential for a municipal broadband option.

The City of Seattle's Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board is exploring implications of a municipally-owned broadband system in Seattle with presentations and discussions with Christopher Mitchell, Director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

LUNCH & LEARN: Chris Mitchell on Community-owned Networks — Exploring the Realities of a Municipally-owned Seattle Broadband Provider

SEATTLE CITY HALL / WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
NOON - 1 PM / BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CONFERENCE ROOM L-280
<http://seattlemunicipalbroadbandlunch.bpt.me>

EVENING PUBLIC FORUM: Exploring Municipal Broadband in Seattle with Chris Mitchell

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6:30 PM - 8:30 PM / BERTHA KNIGHT LANDES ROOM
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Mitchell will discuss the realistic feasibility of a municipally-owned broadband network that delivers high-speed internet access, such as:

- Case studies of successful and unsuccessful attempts to create a publicly-owned network
- Considerations in planning and implementation of a publicly-owned network
- Social benefits of a publicly-owned broadband network
- Audience questions

As the City evaluates strategies to increase the availability of competitive, affordable and equitable broadband options, this session will help inform the decisions that will be made. Come to these educational events to gain valuable insight and information regarding the possible future of Seattle's broadband infrastructure.

Christopher Mitchell is the Director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. Mitchell is a leading national expert on community networks and speaks at conferences across the United States on telecommunications policy.