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Ohio picks up speed: editorial

The governor highlights a technological upgrade

John Kasich introduced the concept as “the best technology that you’ve never heard of.” He did so in his State of the State address, saluting a government official named Al Stutz, who years ago had the foresight to purchase and lay the groundwork for a fiber optic network now operated by the Ohio Academic Resources Network. What the governor shared is that the state is moving to upgrade the network, reaping a big return on a relatively small investment of \$10 million.

How big of a return? Kasich, in his usual way, offered an enthusiastic assessment, “huge, huge benefits. ... change the face of the entire state of Ohio.” Apply the hyperbole factor, and it still is a most promising development. The investment will take the rate of speed from 10 gigabytes to 100 gigabytes per second, allowing universities, hospitals and businesses to share information at a much greater pace and volume.

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