CSV and GIS Technical Guidelines

& examples for Provider Challenge Data Portal (v.2023.01)

To submit multiple addresses in one challenge, ensure your CSV (comma-separated values) file adheres to the format outlined below. Proper formatting is crucial; deviations will lead to a 'Rejected Address' status. For detailed guidance, see the information provided below.

CSV Standards

When viewed in Notepad or similar text editors, your CSV file should resemble the examples given below. The required headers/fields are: **location_id**, **frn**, **techcode**, **challenge_type**, and **address**. The address field is optional if you are unable to provide the **location_id**. Please use a '0' for **location_id** if using **address**.

Image 1: Sample CSV featuring the FCC's Fabric Location IDs (Preferred) with address left either blank or 0.

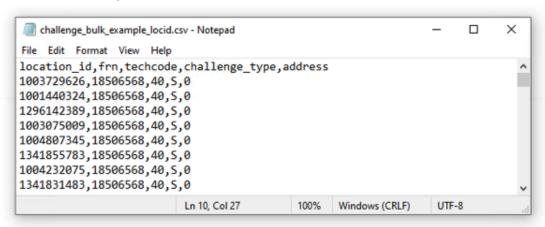
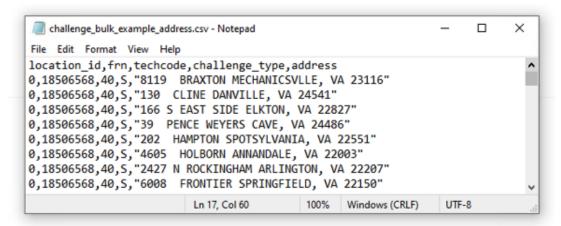


Image 2: Sample CSV featuring no **location_id**, but with full addresses.



All full addresses MUST be in quotations "", otherwise the matching will result in a **Rejected-Bad Address** status and your challenge will NOT be valid.

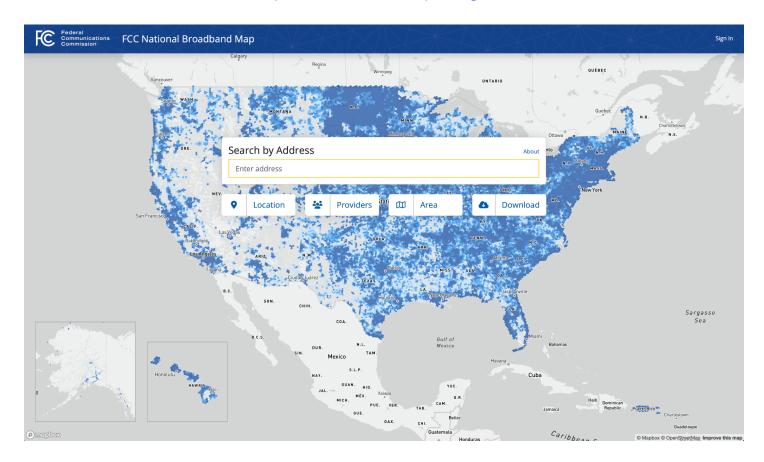
Entries using addresses are required to align with the FCC's Fabric Location ID. However, this method doesn't ensure complete accuracy, as some addresses might be omitted during the matching phase. For optimal compatibility, we advise using the FCC's Fabric Location ID.

 Table 1: Fields in Provider Submitted Data for .csv or polygon/shapefile submission.

Column Name	Format	Example	Description and Code Key
location_id	Numeric / Integer	123456	FCC's Fabric Location ID
frn	Numeric / Integer	12345678	FRN code used during FCC data submission
techcode	Numeric / Integer	10	Broadband Connection Type Code for the technology used for the specific type of internet service. 10 = Asymmetrical xDSL 20 = Symmetric xDSL 30 = Other Copper Wireline 40 = Cable Modem 50 = Optical Carrier / Fiber to the end user 60 = Satellite 71 = Licensed Terrestrial Fixed Wireless 83 = (Mobile Only) 4G/LTE 89 = (Mobile Only) 5G 90 = Electrical Power Line 0 = All Other
challenge_type	String / Text	A	<pre>Indicates the type of challenge A = Availability S = Speed L = Latency D = Data Cap T = Technology B = Business service only E = Enforceable Commitment P = Planned service N = Not part of enforceable commitment C = Location is a CAI [Community Anchor Institution] R = Location is NOT a CAI</pre>
address (Optional)	String / Text	123 Main St. APT 4, Blacksburg, VA, 24060	Complete address (number, street, suffix, city, ST, and zip code).

How to quickly look up FCC's Location ID

Visit https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home



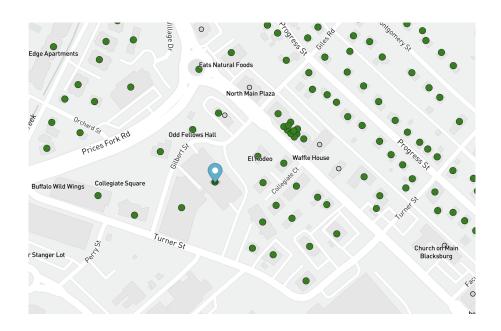
Select "location" option



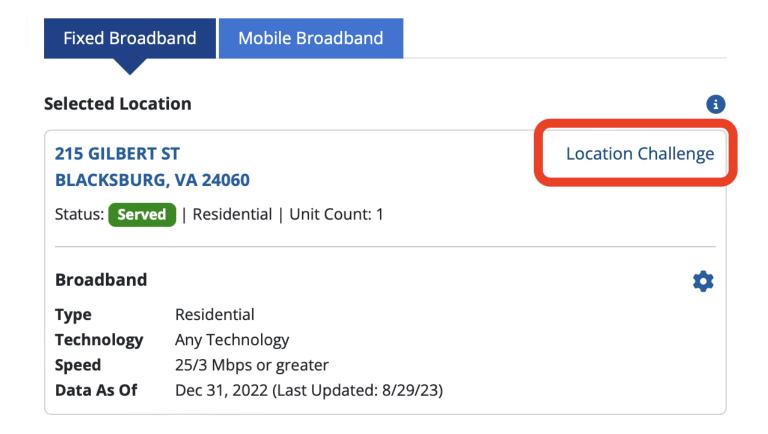
Zoom into map until it resolves into specific point/location



Click on a location



Click on "Location Challenge" in top right in the right column



"Location ID" will be in top left of popup window under address

