

## **Report: AT&T Launching VoLTE May 23 in Chicago, Minneapolis**

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AT&T will [reportedly begin launching Voice over LTE \(VoLTE\) on May 23](#) [1], beginning with Chicago and Minneapolis.

Following delays in offering the technology for both AT&T and Verizon, Engadget has word from sources familiar with the matter that Big Blue will finally get the IP-based voice calling off the ground.

AT&T declined to comment on the report. A spokesperson for the carrier reiterated AT&T's plans to launch VoLTE some time in 2014.

The change means that voice calling in VoLTE markets will be moved from AT&T's legacy circuit-switched networks and sent over the carrier's packet-switched LTE. VoLTE promises clearer, richer call quality. Of course, the technology requires a compatible handset. As the report points out, AT&T's upcoming Asus Padfone X supports VoLTE.

Rumors earlier in the year pointed toward AT&T [testing VoLTE with Samsung devices](#) [2].

AT&T in 2012 [began its Project Velocity IP program](#) [3] that involves deploying thousands of small cells, which could help bolster VoLTE coverage.

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