# **5G**

# **Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructure**

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#### Wireless Generation Evolution



#### Source: AT&T



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#### What is 5G?

Fifth generation wireless technology, also known as "5G", will deliver enhanced mobile broadband capabilities that are up to 100 times faster than speeds today with immediate responsiveness.

#### 5G will be transmitted over higher wave frequency spectrum bands.

- Higher frequency bands do not propagate well they typically require "line-of-sight" and do not pass through obstacles.
- This will require a high level of cell densification via "small cells" in locations such as lampposts, buildings, and utility poles.

#### 5G will:

- Significantly increase speed and provide real-time information.
- · Connect everything



Source: Verizon



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### What is a Small Wireless Facility?

- Small wireless facilities, also called "small cells," are required to add capacity to existing wireless networks to meet the growing demand for wireless data.
- They contain antennas and support equipment that can typically be installed atop utility poles, transit poles, street lights, signs, and signal light poles.
- Unlike traditional cell towers, small wireless facilities are designed to blend into the existing environment as much as possible, making them less obtrusive and more aesthetically pleasing.



#### Source: Verizon

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### **Current State**

- Carriers are deploying 5G in cities—big and small—across the world. New York City is at risk of falling behind.
- Existing 4G equipment design does not provide sufficient capacity to support 5G infrastructure.
- Installation of 5G equipment has largely been unregulated resulting in unsightly pole attachments deployed throughout the country.
- DoITT directed the wireless industry to collaborate and design a uniform and minimally obtrusive pole attachment capable of accommodating every carrier's 4G and 5G deployment needs.



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### **DoITT's Objective**

- Encourage industry collaboration to thoughtfully design a unified equipment enclosure to promote a rapid and safe citywide 5G deployment.
- Replace all existing 4G-only installations (~4,000) with new equipment capable of transmitting both 4G and 5G.
- Facilitate thousands of additional 5G installations throughout city in the next 2-3 years.
- Continue to focus on the equitable distribution of wireless services to ensure that traditionally underserved communities receive the same quality of service as those in the core of Manhattan.
- Implement review process efficiencies to enable expedited approvals.



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### Precedents



Chicago



Minneapolis

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San Francisco

### Precedents







Pittsburgh



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### **City Oversight**

- Consulting with DOT, DoITT initiates pole reservation periods allocating a set number of poles and a geographic area of focus from which franchisees select.
- Pole site selection is based on franchisee network coverage or capacity needs.
- DoITT coordinates with DOT and Parks and Landmarks, where applicable, to review each reserved pole.
- One reservation/installation permitted per pole (i.e. one antenna shroud, one equipment box).
- All visible equipment must be painted to match color of pole.
- New foundations will be required to ensure structural integrity.
- Original historic light poles are off-limits.
- Radio frequency levels must comply with federal guidelines.

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#### **Antenna Shroud**

- Conceal 4G antenna and integrated 5G antenna/radio.
- Optimal height for unobstructed radio frequency transmission is 25-30 feet.
- Designed to conceal each carrier's unique 4G/5G equipment.

#### **Equipment Shroud**

- Conceal 4G radio equipment.
- Placed between 17-18 feet up on pole to avoid typical DOT pole attachments.
- Designed to conceal each carrier's unique 4G radio equipment.



Source: Texas 5G Alliance

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NYC DoITT 4G vs 5G Flatbush





NYC DoITT 4G vs 5G Bishop's Crook





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NYC DoITT 4G vs 5G 30' Davit

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NYC DoITT 4G vs 5G TBTA

### Holistic Vision for 5G Beyond City Streetlight Poles

- Consider alternative pole attachment designs to accommodate multiple carriers at a single location.
- Evaluate small cell installations within LinkNYC kiosks and other street furniture.
- Solicit standalone purpose-built infrastructure ("Smart Pole") solutions.
- Facilitate 5G equipment installations on utility poles in outer boroughs.

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