



## News Release

### **AT&T Invests Nearly \$800 Million Over 3-Year Period to Enhance Local Networks in Virginia**

RICHMOND, Va., May 20, 2016 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we invested nearly \$800 million in our Virginia wireless and wired networks during 2013-2015, and made 1,222 wireless network upgrades during that time. These investments drive a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also enhance critical services that support public safety and first responders.

In 2015, AT&T made multiple wireless network upgrades in Virginia. We added two 4G LTE cell sites in Alexandria and Fairfax, and upgraded nine existing sites in Charlottesville, Newport News, Virginia Beach and Richmond.

Notable Virginia network enhancements in 2015 included:

- **Upgrading two 4G LTE cell sites in Charlottesville**
- **Upgrading six 4G LTE cell sites in Virginia Beach**
- **Upgrading three 4G LTE cell sites in Richmond**
- **Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Fairfax**
- **Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Alexandria**
- **Installing a Distributed Antenna System in the Roanoke Valley Mall**

“We’re committed to providing our customers fast, reliable, highly secure connectivity. We want them to be able access to the Internet at any moment, from almost any device and anywhere,” said J. Michael Schweder, president of AT&T Mid-Atlantic. “Our continued investment in Virginia brings a host of new, innovative opportunities for residents and businesses.”

In 2016, for the second year in a row, FORTUNE magazine recognized AT&T as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world. We also placed #48 among the Top 50 World’s Most Admired companies. This is our third year in a row on the Top 50 list – AT&T is the only communications company on the list. We ranked #1 in all 9 attributes. This included innovation, financial soundness and quality of products/services. FORTUNE’s Most Admired Companies lists are among the most highly respected indicators of corporate performance and reputation.

We have big plans for 2016. We’ll be giving you the ability to access and stream [DIRECTV](#) video services over a wired or wireless Internet connection from any provider and from virtually any device – smartphone, tablet, Smart TV, streaming media hardware or PC. We plan for each service to come with a set number of simultaneous sessions. These services will not require annual contracts, satellite dishes or set-top boxes.



We have an extensive Wi-Fi network with more than 40,000 AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spots at popular restaurants, hotels, bookstores and retailers. We provide access to Wi-Fi at more than 1 million Hot Spots around the world. Most AT&T smartphone and home Internet customers get access to our entire national Wi-Fi network at no additional cost. Wi-Fi usage doesn't count towards customers' monthly wireless data plans.<sup>2</sup>

To learn more about our coverage in Virginia, or anywhere in the U.S., visit the AT&T Coverage Viewer. For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the AT&T network news page.

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