



## **AT&T Invests More Than \$625 Million Over 3-Year Period to Enhance Local Networks in Virginia**

*New State Law will speed up company's build plans in Commonwealth*

RICHMOND, Va., May 1, 2017 — At [AT&T](#)<sup>1</sup>, we invested more than \$625 million in our Virginia wireless and wired networks during 2014-2016. These investments drive a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. They also improve critical services that support public safety and first responders.

In 2016, AT&T made nearly 1,200 wireless network upgrades in Virginia. We added new cell sites in Charlottesville, Falls Church, Lynchburg, and Stafford. We also upgraded existing sites in Lynchburg, Martinsville, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, and Virginia Beach.

Following the passage of SB1282 that modernizes the rules for installing wireless infrastructure in Virginia, which Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe signed last week, AT&T will continue its investment in the Commonwealth with additional upgrades.

“Gov. McAuliffe signed legislation that encourages companies to invest more in wireless infrastructure. Thanks to his support, and the hard work of the General Assembly and other Virginia leaders, we’re now speeding our wireless buildout plans in Virginia with tens of millions of dollars dedicated to improving its mobile network,” said Vince Apruzzese, regional vice president for AT&T External Affairs in Virginia. “This investment will also pave the path to 5G mobile services in the years ahead.”

The AT&T LTE network covers nearly 400 million people in North America. Notable Virginia network enhancements in 2016 included:

- Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Charlottesville
- Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Falls Church
- Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Lynchburg
- Building a new 4G LTE cell site in Stafford
- Upgrading nearly 10 4G LTE cell sites in Norfolk
- Upgrading more than 10 4G LTE cell sites in Richmond
- Upgrading more than 20 4G LTE cell sites in Roanoke/Lynchburg

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) recently chose AT&T to build a nationwide public safety broadband network. The network will be dedicated to America’s police, firefighters, EMS personnel and other first responders when they need it. Should Virginia



opt-in to the FirstNet network, we will build upon our current and planned investments with a dedicated focus on the state's first responders.

And we would expect to make a significant investment to upgrade and maintain Virginia's FirstNet network over the next 25 years, bringing your first responders the coverage, value and experience they expect.

For the third year in a row, FORTUNE magazine recognized AT&T as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world in 2017. We also No. 37 among the Top 50 World's Most Admired companies.

AT&T is the only telecommunications company on the list. We ranked No. 1 in all 9 attributes. This included innovation, financial soundness and quality of products/services.

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