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Average residential wireline download speeds (mbps)

#### Average mobile download speeds (mbps)



San Jose's broadband significantly lags our peers

#### 95,000 individuals have no home broadband or no appropriate access



Source: 2015 American Communities Survey Percentages are compared to category – overlap occurs

45%

#### Hybrid Approach – 80% results for 20% effort





## **Broadband Strategy** Leverage valuable city assets



- City invests by lowering costs of broadband deployment
- Private sector invests in broadband outcomes



# City . Small cell lease rate 1. Economic Development (quality, choice, price) Private Sector -3. Future support for Smart City and IoT 2. Digital Inclusion

TIME

#### **Agreement Outcomes**

#### **Broadband Overall**

- 1. Economic Development Improve voice and data coverage, quality, and price through a competitive landscape
- 2. Generate revenue potentially for digital inclusion and broadband governance by generating small cell lease revenue
- 3. Provide future support for Smart City and Internet of Things initiatives through 5G technology

#### First AT&T Agreement

- 1. Pilot small cell permitting and identify improvement areas
- 2. Achieve the speed and predictability desired by both parties by funding and implementing people, process, and technology improvements
- 3. Build confidence in the relationship to incent further investment in San Jose's digital infrastructure

## **Agreement Scope**

- Deployment
  - First of many waves of small cell deployments over the next 5-7 years
  - First Wave of 170 AT&T small cells distributed across the City targeting highest cellular congestion areas
  - Additional waves planned as part of ongoing build-out to cover entire city
  - Next wave upwards of 1000 small cells
- Lease Revenue
  - Generates revenue potentially for digital inclusion and connectivity
- Speed and Predictability
  - Draw down account fronting of permitting fees provides confidence
  - Investment improves our permitting processes

#### **Key Agreement Terms**

- AT&T will make an \$850,000 up front permit fee payment approximately 30 days after approval
- AT&T will make four installments of \$250,000 on a \$1,000,000 process improvement payment approximately 30 days after approval
- AT&T will pay \$1500 per year per small cell site license for the first five years exclusive of any inflation escalator with an annual inflation escalator of 3.0% beginning in year six
- AT&T has the option to extend the agreement for two additional 5-year periods at the then applicable rate
- The City will make a good faith effort to meet or exceed a 60-day permitting service level agreement

## **Common Community Questions**

## **Public Noticing**

- Prior to permit submittal, AT&T mails a notification letter to addresses within a 300-foot radius of the street light
- Recipients have 20 calendar days to contact the AT&T with their concerns and questions
- AT&T addresses issues prior to permit submittal
- AT&T informs City of San Jose, in writing, if issues are not resolved

## Design

- Picture of standard design included on subsequent slide
- Standard design does not require separate pedestal

#### Health

- The City will monitor research, analysis, and findings and will report back to Council on a periodic basis
- The FCC does not allow small cell permit applications to be denied based on health concerns

#### **Appendix A: Improvement Example - Before**



## **Appendix A: Improvement Example - After**



## Standard Design Picture



## Wave 1 Small Cell Distribution Counts



Wave 1 distribution of 170 small cells targets high congestion areas Additional waves are being planned to further improve coverage and quality across the City **Relationship confidence** will drive increased (up to 1000 cells) investment in San Jose in the next wave

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