

# Current Issues in Wireless Policy

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# Overview



- About the Un-carrier
- Efforts to Combat Robocalling
- 5G: why we need it and what we need to make it happen
- Infrastructure Rules for the Modern World

# Un-carrier Facts



## Our Company

- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest national wireless carrier
- Headquartered in Bellevue, WA
- Employs approximately 50,000 nationally
- 62% of workforce is ethnically diverse and 42% are women
- Two major brands: T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile
- Launched 13 Un-carrier initiatives aimed at eliminating customer pain points

## Our Customers

- 81.3 million nationally (33.4 million at the end of 2012)
- 24 consecutive quarters of over 1 million customers added each quarter
- 0.88% postpaid phone churn in 1Q19 – an all-time record low

## Our Network

- 99% of Americans covered with our 4G LTE network
- Nearly 3,500 cities and towns live with 600 MHz
- On track to have the first nationwide 5G network available in 2020

# Robocalling: STIR/SHAKEN



- It is estimated that **50%** of U.S. mobile traffic will be scam calls this year.
- The Un-carrier has led the industry in call protection. Since launching Scam ID and Scam Block services in 2017, T-Mobile has flagged over **10 billion** calls as Scam Likely and blocked more than **a billion** scam calls.
- **STIR** (Secure Telephony Identity Revisited) and **SHAKEN** (Secure Handling of Asserted Information using toKENs) are industry-developed and FCC-recommended standards for the cryptographic signing of telephone calls. It is intended to eliminate the use of illegitimate spoofed numbers from the telephone system.
- When adopted industry-wide, these standards will allow customers to know the calls they are receiving are verified as authentic and not spoofed or hijacked.

# Robocalling: Industry-leading Protections



- **January 2019**, T-Mobile launched its **Caller Verified** technology on certain handsets, becoming the first in the industry to launch caller verification using the STIR/SHAKEN standards.

Customers see “Caller Verified” on the incoming call screen when T-Mobile has verified that the call is authentic and not intercepted by scammers/spammers.

- **April 2019**, T-Mobile and Comcast launched an industry first, **cross-network robocalling protection** built on STIR/SHAKEN standards, giving consumers confidence that the call they’re getting is from a person, not a robocaller or scammer. **This is the first step towards industry-wide call verification.**

# 5G Advantages



UNPRECEDENT  
ED  
CONNECTIONS

100

5G will handle 100X more devices

UNMATCHED  
SPEED

~~100~~X

5G will reach peak theoretical speeds of 10 Gbps

EXTRAORDINA  
RY RESPONSE  
TIME

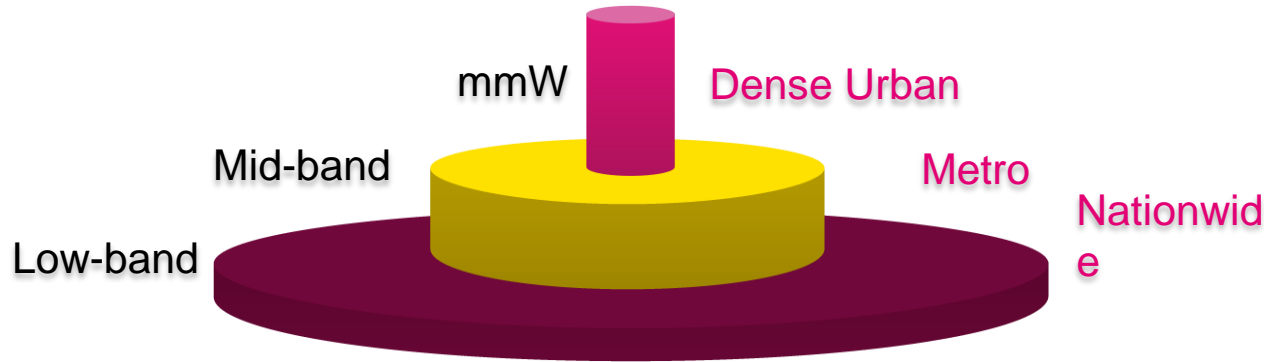
10X

Projected reductions in latency (from 10 – 20 ms today)

# 5G Spectrum



- The FCC has committed to help ensure the United States wins the global race to 5G to the benefit of all Americans.
- Real, game-changing, innovative 5G requires a combination of spectrum



- Mid-band spectrum is key to providing an ideal mix of coverage and capacity for 5G networks.
- Making spectrum available must be a top U.S. priority in order to win the race to 5G.



- Rules governing wireless infrastructure need to be modernized to reflect evolving wireless infrastructure.
- FCC is focused on removing regulatory barriers that would unlawfully inhibit the deployment of infrastructure necessary to support 5G services.
- In 2018, the FCC enacted reforms to remove many of these barriers by:
  - Exempting small cells from historic and environmental reviews, while streamlining these review processes for all wireless deployments.
  - Clarifying that while localities have the right to deny a siting application, state and local moratoria on wireless deployments are prohibited.
  - Building on the efforts of many states around the country (24 and counting) that have already passed small cell legislation and providing guardrails for a national framework for siting practices, while respecting the important role that states and localities play in the siting process.



# Antenna Placement



- 1) Monopole with antenna array at the top
- 2) Small cell antennas on light poles, can also be mounted on utility poles, bus stops, billboards, etc.
- 3) Building facades can be used for small cell deployments

# Questions?



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