



# Wireless 5G “Small Cells” Are Coming... How Should Maryland Roll Them Out?

<b>Wireless Industry-Supported Bill HB 654</b>	<b>Community Coalition Bill (includes MML and MACo) HB 1020</b>
<p>Forces a “one size fits all” scheme in Maryland using legislation passed in other states prior to the implementation of the FCC Order.</p>	<p>The legislation creates clear, easily understood, fair rules for small cell deployment across MD in State, county, and municipal rights-of-way.</p>
<p>Removes community input and government oversight and allows wireless industry to bypass local government and simply install infrastructure “by right.”</p>	<p>Preserves an open and transparent approval process with public input through public hearings using local zoning and permitting processes.</p>
<p>Allows refrigerator-sized installations, up to 50 feet high regardless of neighborhood character (i.e. in areas where all existing utilities may currently be undergrounded).</p>	<p>Considers community needs and aesthetics for siting new facilities, especially in areas where utilities are currently undergrounded.</p>
<p>Hastily codifies controversial FCC order into State law, even though the Order is currently being challenged in Federal court.</p>	<p>Leaves federal matters to the FCC and the federal courts.</p>
<p>Focuses next big wave of investment only in dense, urban areas with no plan to expand into rural areas.</p>	<p>Ensures that underserved areas receive improved connections through a fund to expand wireless technology.</p>
<p>Adds one more check-mark to industry’s list of states pre-empting local decision-making.</p>	<p>Builds a Maryland solution, tied to Maryland’s needs and goals based on local input.</p>

*Let’s bring Small Cells to Maryland in Partnership with our Communities*