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Micro Cell Sites – What Georgia Has Done

- Established Guidelines
 - Georgia considers micro cell site as a telecommunication provider, if they provide a CLEC (Competitive Local Exchange Carrier) permit from the PSC (Public Service Commission)
 - Updated Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards Manual
 - Allows wireless telecommunications facilities and mini cell antennas on the highway right-of-way and other non-highway real property owned by Department, by either attaching to existing utility poles (must have approval letter from Pole owner) or certain Department facilities (signal and strain poles only).

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 - The Department's intent is to accommodate wireless communications facilities by issuing encroachment permits after a Right of Way Agreement has been executed by both the applicant and the Department.
 - **In no case** will wireless telecommunications facilities and/or antennas be allowed or permitted on limited access or interstate rights-of-way.
 - Additionally, the installation of new pole(s) or pole lines, cell towers, and/or monopoles **will not be allowed** within highway right-of-way or on surplus property owned by the Department.

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- Non-Department Facilities
 - Right of Way Agreement and encroachment permits have been completed with 2 companies. Both companies have started installation of micro cell site on local power companies poles.
- Department Facilities (signal and strain poles only).
 - Right of Way Agreement and encroachment permits have been completed with 1 company. This is a pilot to ensure the facilities do not conflict with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

Questions?

