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**CASE STUDY** 

# Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation Leverages NFF's Network and Security Expertise for SMART Community Testbed

The Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC) has launched the Virginia Smart Community Testbed (Testbed) in Stafford County, the first Smart Community testbed deploying innovative infrastructure to support an IoT platform fully integrated with 5G, Wi-Fi 6, and other new and emerging technology solutions. The Testbed validates solutions that help bridge the digital divide, foster economic growth, conserve energy, save taxpayer dollars, accelerate public broadband Internet access, and modernize government services.

Stafford County and VIPC opened the Testbed in May 2021 as a public-private partnership involving multiple industry partners focused on relevant and practical use cases that produce innovative solutions using emerging and smart technologies.

The Virginia Smart Community Testbed is the home for developing smart community technology for the Commonwealth and a showcase for all 95 counties in the state.

#### Challenge

Build a team of industry-leading partners with innovative technology solutions to produce replicable best practices for the deployment of broadband Internet and IoT solutions that can be easily implemented in the most challenging environments across cities and rural communities.

#### Solution

Starting in September 2021, Networking For Future (NFF) pulled together a broad team of technology companies including Signify, Cisco, TRAXyL, Express-Tek, Helicore, and Uniiband for the Testbed pilot project.

The testbed project demonstrated how to efficiently and securely deploy a Smart connectivity grid, that includes innovative broadband fiber and wireless technologies, and Smart lighting that expands public access to the Internet and improves public services and safety. This infrastructure grid further enables IoT applications like sensors, meters, cameras, and building access control systems.

#### Success Through Partnership

As a trusted technology partner, NFF provided architecture, engineering, and overall platform integration support, network and security installation, and is providing ongoing performance management and maintenance for the grid.











#### NFF's industry-leading partners provided the following:

- **Signify** Broadband luminaires, IoT Smart Pole, and Interact software
- **Cisco/Meraki** Network and security appliances, WiFi access points and cameras
- > TRAXyL FiberTRAX "painted" fiber
- **Express-Tek** Outside plant engineering and deployment
- **Helicore** Smart Pole foundation and structural package
- Uniiband Battery back-up/power converter system

#### NFF will continue to provide ongoing support to the Testbed including:

- Network and security upgrades and optimization
- > Smart lighting, network, and security systems monitoring

#### Results

The Testbed partners produced replicable best practices for the deployment of broadband Internet and IoT solutions that can be adopted and implemented by all levels of government and education as part of their Smart solutions planning and projects.

#### Testbed project results >



faster design, permitting, and technology integration time frames versus the usual broadband Internet project, with a higher level of security



faster deployment of fiber optic cables to support broadband connectivity projects in cities and rural communities (no road cuts)



implementation of secure Gigabit speed wireless broadband networks in urban, suburban, and rural communities

Reduced Energy and increased cost savings for municipalities via intelligent lighting

Innovative power solutions that ensure project success even in the most challenging environments



#### Lessons Learned

The partners also shared product capabilities and best practices with one another and the Testbed team, providing deeper insight into how these innovative solutions solve broadband Internet and IoT challenges for communities and campuses.

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#### ABOUT NETWORKING FOR FUTURE INC.

Networking For Future Inc. (NFF) is a Washington, DC-based company offering a performance-focused approach to delivering transformational IT business solutions. NFF, an ISO 9001:2015 certified company, is a Cisco Gold Partner, Riverbed Premier Partner, NetApp Gold Partner, VMware Enterprise Partner, Splunk Partner, Microsoft Partner, Gigamon Partner, Riverbed Premier Partner, Aternity Partner, Citrix Silver Solution Advisor Partner, and holds GSA Schedule 47QTCA21D0047 and numerous other contract vehicles.





# Innovative Network Solutions For Government and Education

Secure, Ready to Deploy SmartCommunity and SmartCampus Solutions



#### **AGENDA**

- NFF Overview Speaker Introductions
- Innovative Technologies To Accelerate The Journey
  - TRAXyL FiberTRAX "Paints" Optical Fiber Directly Onto Paved Surfaces
  - Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul (formerly Fluidmesh)
  - Signify Broadband Luminaires, IoT Smart Poles, and Interact
- Where To See/Touch/Feel These Technologies Today.
  - Virginia Smart Communities Testbed
- Questions and Answers



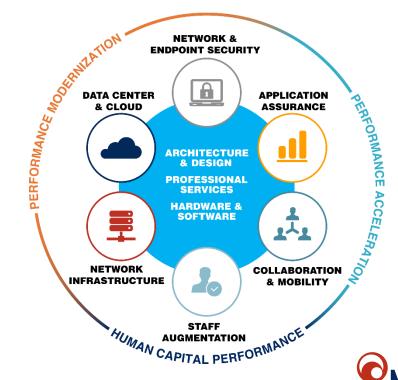
#### **OVERVIEW**

### **Networking For Future, Inc. (NFF)**

- > Founded in 1996
- > Headquartered in Washington, DC
- > 130+ Employees
- > ISO 9001:2015 Certified
- 77% of workforce hold industry certifications

Offering a performance-focused approach to IT business solutions for State and Local Government and Education.

#### **IT Business Solutions**



#### **PARTNERS**













Microsoft **Partner** 

**Aternity** 























#### **CLIENTS**

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#### CONTRACT VEHICLES

#### > Federal and National

- GSA Schedule 47QTCA21D0047
- National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Contract #AR3227
- Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)
   E-Rate SPIN 143030044
- Federal Reserve Board 202000834

## Maryland

- Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC)
  - Hardware
  - IT Security Services and Solutions
- Maryland Consulting and Technical Services (CATS+)
- Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Hardware Master Contract
- Prince George's County Consulting and Technical Services (CATS II)















#### **CONTRACT VEHICLES**

### **Virginia**

- Cisco Virginia Association of State College and University **Purchasing Professionals (VASCUPP)**
- **Fairfax County Public Schools**
- **Arlington County Government**

#### **District of Columbia**

- District of Columbia Supply Schedule (MOBIS and ITES)
- **Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA)**
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

#### Certifications

- District of Columbia Certified Business Enterprise (CBE)
- **MWAA Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LDBE)**
- U.S. Small Business Administration Certified Small Business















U.S. Small Business

Administration





#### **TODAYS SPEAKERS**

- Daniel Turner Chief Executive Officer and Founder, TRAXyL
- Malik Ishak Director, Smart City Connectivity, Signify North America
- Chris Wigley Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul
- Chris Peabody Chief Strategy Officer, Networking For Future



# ~1985 BROADBAND INNOVATION

# Counting on cable TV in Washington, D.C.?



Count on C&P Telephone to build it... efficiently, economically and on time!



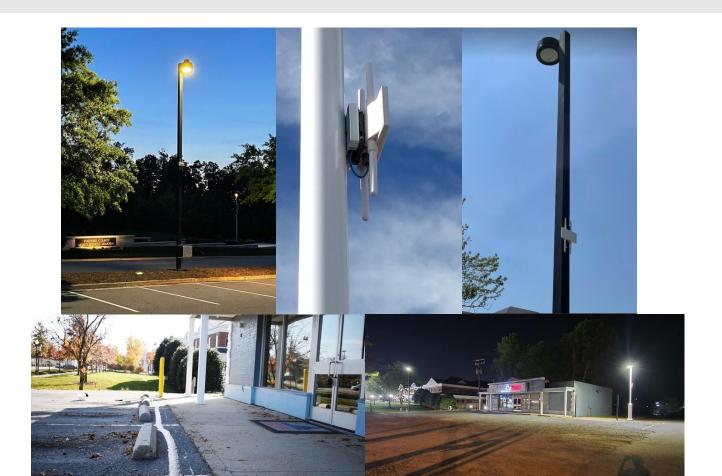
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# Innovative Technologies To Accelerate The Journey

TRAXyL FiberTRAX "Paints" Optical Fiber Directly Onto Paved Surfaces

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## Leadership



Daniel Turner - CEO



Engineering



Telecommunications & optical fiber expert



Stephen Carter - COO



**Business** 



Digital controls & system integration



# Fiber is a key driver to new technologies, yet installation is:







# Expensive

Months of time at \$15/ to \$150 per foot

# Disruptive

Closures, detours, and delays

# Destructive

Property, utility, and environment damage

FiberTRAX ®:
"Painting" fiber on paved surfaces



# The FiberTRAX Advantage

Rapidly deployed surface mounted fiber protected by durable coatings.



On-demand install at low cost

Convenient

Easy to use and deploy

Versatile

New pathways for fiber



# FiberTRAX Cross-section

Jacket, Kevlar, & Steel Armor

Optical Fibers (250 micron)

Elastic

Bond Coat™

Protective

Top Coat™

**DIMENSIONS:** 

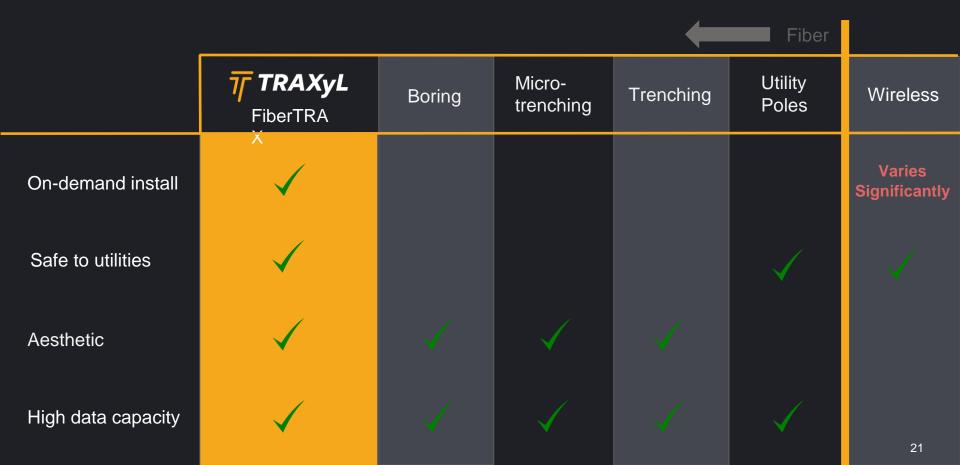
FiberTRAX width: ~100 mm

FiberTRAX height: ~8 mm

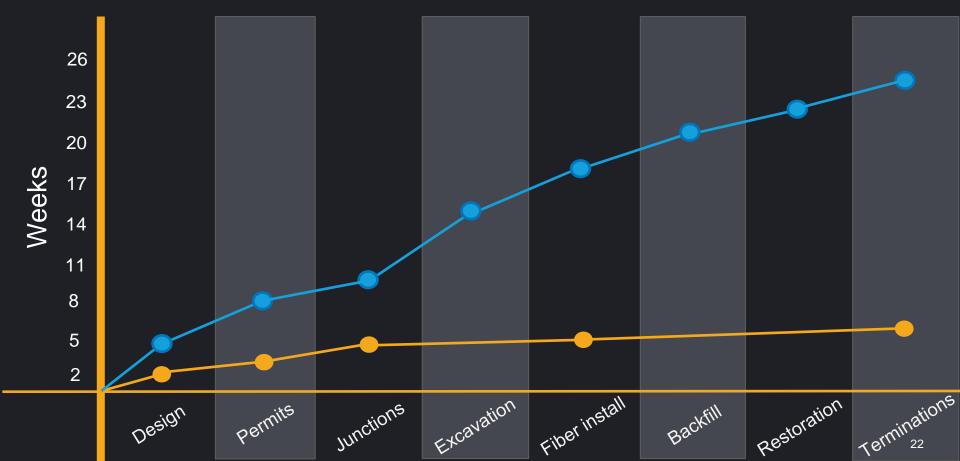
Cable

diameter: 3-5 mm

#### FiberTRAX vs Conventional Methods



# Mile of FiberTRAX vs Conventional



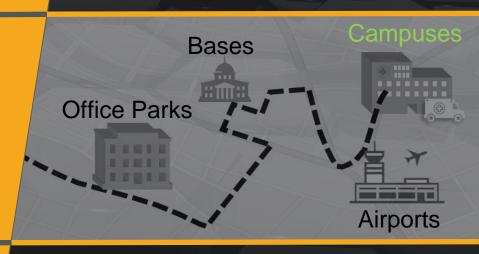


# Customer Needs

Last mile
Network extension
Fast or immediate install

# Initial Customer Focus

**Customer Locations** 



Customer Acquisition Distribution & Channel Partners Education
Partner with Installers & ISPs





# CASE STUDY DULLES AIRPORT CAR RENTAL

#### Overview

Car Rental Agency – Dulles Airport

#### **Objective**

- Provide network connectivity to two recently acquired buildings
- Time = \$\$
- Permitting / Approval challenges
- Avoid the things that could "blow up" under the surface (ex: fuel tanks)
- Limited budget

#### **Solutions Explored**

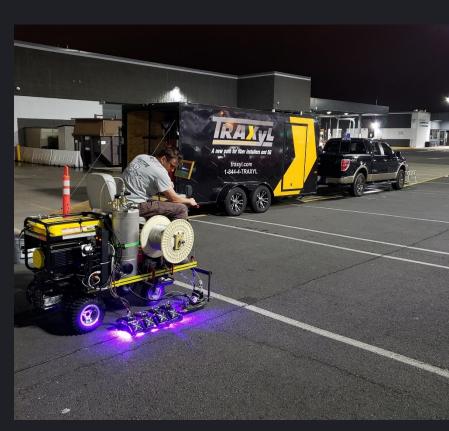
- MicroTrenching
- TRAXyL

#### **Results**

- TRAXyL deployed in one night
- No downtime
- No permitting issues because no trenching

#### **Advice**

Explore all your deployment options, make sure you include



## CASE STUDY OHIO BRIDGE

#### Overview:

Ohio DOT Bridge near West Milton, OH

#### **Objective:**

- Connect ISP fiber to new home plan, cell tower, other businesses, and municipality
- Approaching Deadlines for Project Milestones
- Permitting / Approval challenges
- Limited budget

#### **Solutions Explored:**

- Conduit on bridge
- HDD under river
- TRAXyL

#### Results:

- TRAXyL deployed in two days
- Redundancy included
- Ohio DOT approval of FiberTRAX

#### Advice:

Utilize FiberTRAX for last-mile and be on lookout for highcount fiber developments









# Data and Beyond

Virtual Learning

Traffic Control

Autonomous Cars

> Tele-Health

Security Camera





Wireless Backhaul

Optical Sensing

Disaster Recovery

Military Applications

Access Control





# Innovative Technologies To Accelerate The Journey

Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul (formerly Fluidmesh)

Chris Wigley
Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul
Cisco Systems







#### FLUIDMESH GLOBAL PRESENCE - ACQUIRED BY CISCO (JULY 2020)





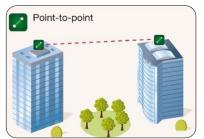


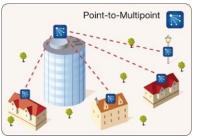
#### Why did we choose Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul?

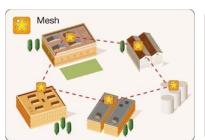
- The market is clamoring for 5G
- The new name links the product to 5G's Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communications (URLLC) capabilities
- Makes it easier for customers to understand its value
- They can have 5G URLLC-like capabilities today!

#### **Technology Benefits**

Wireless Fiber-Like Connectivity
Extending highly reliable network connections where
wired Layer 1 can't go.











Long Range and High Bandwidth Connectivity (up to 15 miles @ 500 MB)



Fast and Accurate Roaming (0ms handoff, up to 225 Mph)



Support for real-time sensitive traffic. Zero Loss-Low Latency.



Pay as you go bandwidth consumption model.



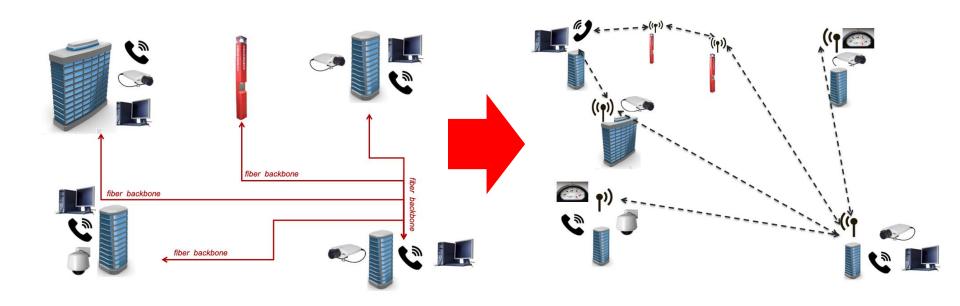
Support multiple backhaul topologies – PtP, PtMP, Mesh, and Mobility



Secure MPLS based proprietary protocol with QoS support



# Why Use Cisco Wireless Backhaul? Alternative or Replacement for Layer 1



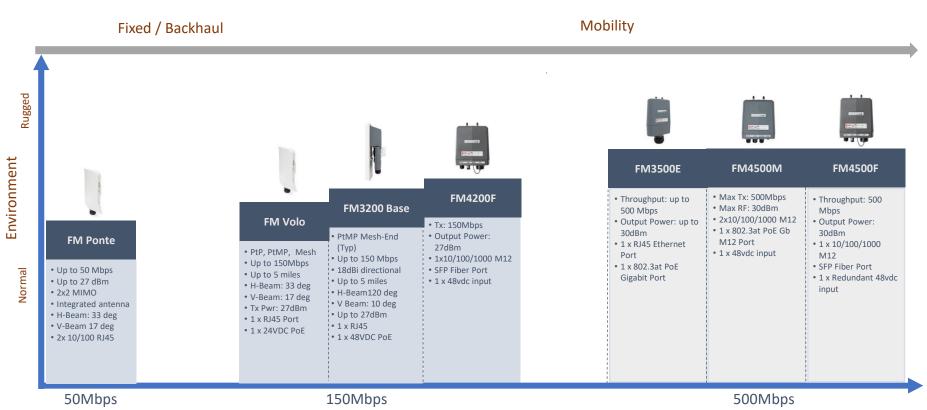




#### ENTERPRISES REQUIRE NETWORK CONNECTIVITY OUTDOORS

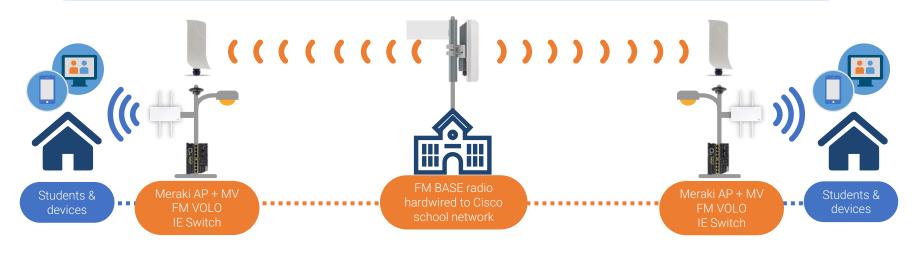


#### Radio Portfolio: 4.9-5.8GHz Solutions



#### Bridging the Digital Divide

Challenge: Connect the Communities - Provide remote learning to every child during the pandemic

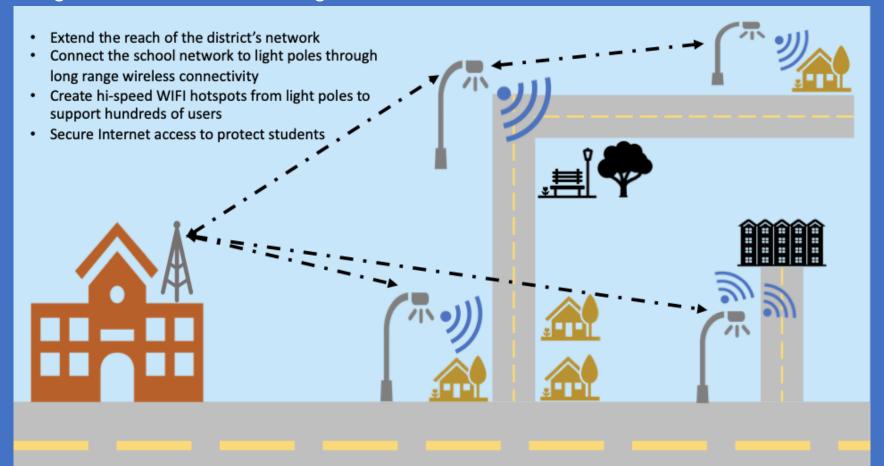


# Outcomes & benefits for our customers

- Extend the private, secure school network to students' homes
  - Fiber-free backhaul across the district with directional RF coverage for maximum distance
  - Allows students the flexibility to use any Wi-Fi device to connect and learn

- Increased bandwidth parity across the student body
- Enables safe, secure distance learning for all
- Gateway to additional opportunities for campuses, hospitals, and businesses.

#### Digital Divide - Extending WiFi Reach



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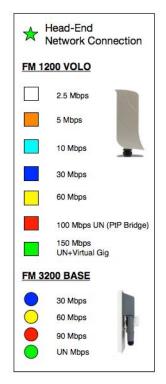




Point-to-Multipoint



### Typical Fixed Infrastructure - Mixed Architecture











# Innovative Technologies To Accelerate The Journey

Signify Broadband Luminaires, IoT Smart Poles, and Interact

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#### The Smart Grid of the Future

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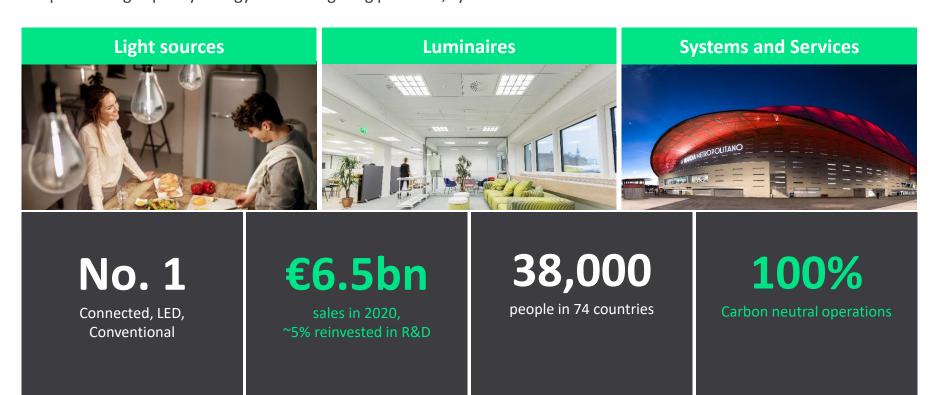
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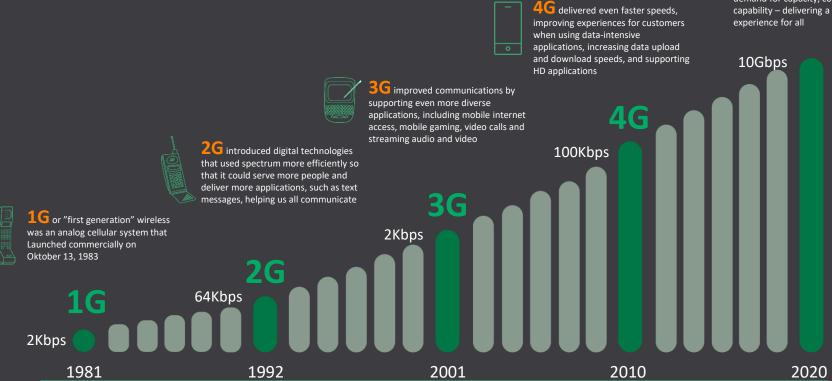
## Signify is the world leader in lighting (2016 Spinoff of Philips professional Lighting Division) We provide high-quality energy efficient lighting products, systems and services



#### Evolution of the wireless industry

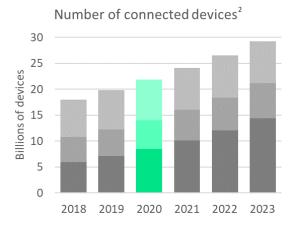


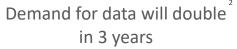
**5G** will support more diverse applications and more connections; providing more capacity, lower latency, and increased speed. 5G will handle the exponential growth in demand for capacity, connectivity, and capability – delivering a better, faster experience for all

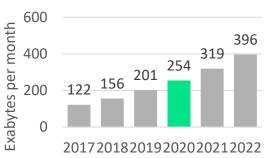


## Demand for connectivity in cities

- 4 Four times growth by 2025<sup>1</sup>
- Number of connected devices grows to 30 Bn. in 3 years, driven by IOT devices (consumers, smart cities, autonomous vehicles etc.)
- 5G and WiFi6 are new standards to enable this growth.
- Many more antennas and radios closer together (100's meters vs of several miles).







How do you Quickly & Cost Effectively Implement & Deploy <u>THE LAST MILE</u>

As part of your Digital Transformation Strategy

(and create a neutral host backbone that can be monetized)

without trenching fiber and disrupting city landscapes, etc.?

(Challenges = Aesthetics, Permitting, Fiber, Power, Metering)









#### **Broadband Luminaire**

The fastest and low TCO connectivity option for last mile coverage (without trenching fiber)

- No permit needed for aesthetic consideration
- Fastest way to deploy wireless mesh network
- Wireless backhaul and PoE completely integrated into fixture
- Plug'n play installation, no special training required
- ≤ 0.3 mi. / 450 m Range
- 360° coverage, self optimizing mesh network
- Built-in PoE switch eliminated the need for external switch or 3<sup>rd</sup> party box

Power Metering



4G/5G

offloading









IoT Broadband **Applications** 



Wireless Access

Public Wi-Fi Fixed

Safety and Security



#### **Broadband Luminaires**

(sample designs)

Wireless fiber Self-optimizing mesh 60GHz 3.8Gbps

#### **Bright Sites Hub Tower**

- Connectivity: Telco grade WiFI / 4G-5G / CBRS
- HyperEdge Compute Power & IoT Gateway
- Single or dual kiosk display with touch
- Microphone, speakers, camera
- Security camera 2 x 360° (PTZ)
- USB/wireless charging for mobile phones
- NFC sensor for ticketing / payments
- Programmable light elements
- Uplink: fiber, ethernet or wireless
- Programmable push-button
- Customizable color schemes
- Optional: Sensors (e.g. environmental), cameras (thermal, crowd analytics)



#### **Hub Tower (neutral host)**

- Height 4.5m + (15 Ft.)
- Diameter 0.7m
- 55" upper displays
- 32" kiosk
- Wireless charging docks

#### Height advantages:

- ✓ Unblockable
- ✓ Signal Propagation
- ✓ Oversight Surveillance

40 Nieuwstraat - Google Maps



Our vision: lighting as the connectivity grid of the future

Transforms lighting infrastructure into a platform of connectivity

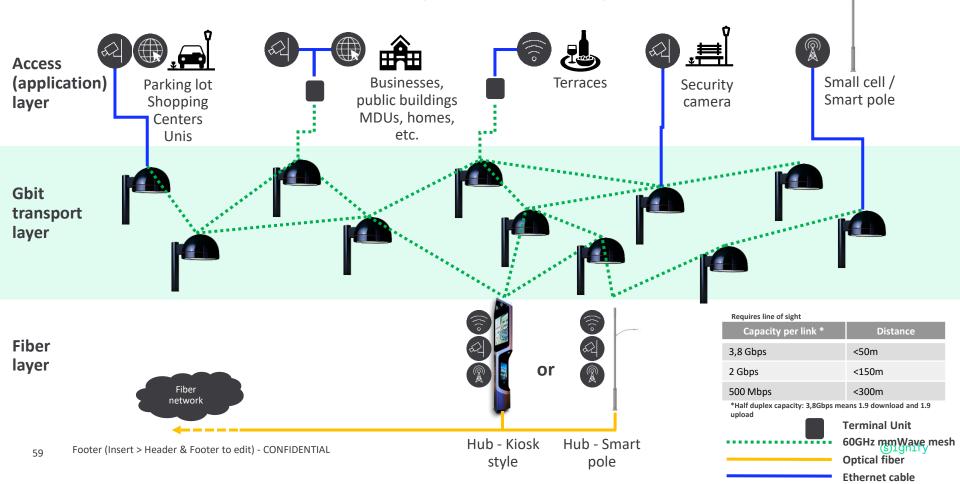
- 1 Light pole grid
- 2 Smart Hub
- 3 Upgrade pole
- 4 Activate pole
- Meshed network /
  Neutral Host Backbone



#### Lighting is Ideal.....

- Proximity: It is close to people and traffic
- Scale: It is already available
- Granularity: Spacing is 30-50m
- Elevation: For signal propagation, out-of-reach
- Uniformity: Enables general "blanket" permitting

#### Network Architecture – Gbit luminaires (60GHz unlicensed)



#### Fiber vs Gbit Luminaire

	Fiber	Gbit luminaire
Security	Secure	• Secure
Bandwidth	Multi Gbps	Multi Gbps
Network design	o accessibility	Cine of sight
Cost	<b>*</b> Expensive	<b>Affordable</b>
Installation	Slow, complex	fast, Retrofit
Aesthetics	Underground / across poles	concealed
Bandwidth/Latency	High bandwidth, ultra low latency	High bandwidth, variable latency

#### Product Portfolio Overview



#### **Smart poles**

Everything needed for small cell tower and IoT

- Small cells (RRU for 4G LTE / 5G)
- Neutral host
- IoT applications



#### **Pole attachments**

Economic solution for retrofitting existing poles

- Full size radome: 5G mmWave, CBRS/LAA + universal antenna
- Compact radome: CBRS/LAA + universal antenna



#### Hub

Fiber hub with smart services for highly visible locations

- Neutral host for Telco and IoT devices
- Digital screens for advertising
- In kiosk or pole form factor



#### **Gb Luminaire**

Wireless mesh for last mile coverage

- Utilizing ubiquitous lighting grid
- Up to 16Gbps aggregated capacity
- ≤ 0.3 mi. / 450 m Range



#### Lighting

Energy efficiency connected luminaires

- Energy efficient Existing sensor based connected luminaires
- Lighting asset management
- Offer narrow band IoT services through Interact

The Grid of the Future - YouTube

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## **Final Thoughts**

# **Questions and Answers**

(submit via chat)



# Your performance improvement is our measure of success.

**Thank You!** 

