

**PSATS Joins NATaT in Submitting Comments to FCC on Small Cell Wireless Order**

PSATS in conjunction with the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) submitted comments this week to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on their proposed declaratory ruling and third report and order, *Accelerating wireline broadband deployment by removing barriers to infrastructure investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; accelerating broadband deployment by removing barriers to infrastructure investment, WT Docket No. 17-79.*

First and foremost, both groups support the deployment of 5G networks, but are concerned with the order which would limit the ability of local governments to regulate the use of, and effectively manage the public rights-of-way and to receive fair compensation for its use.

Two concerns that were raised in the NATaT comments were the proposed fee structure which would hamper the ability of municipalities to recover their costs and the proposed “shot clocks” which would unfairly and unreasonably reduce the time needed for proper application review.

PSATS raised similar concerns testifying on Pennsylvania legislation. Our concerns surrounded safeguarding local decision making, reasonable fees that allow for cost recovery, and reasonable timeframes to review applications.

Both PSATS and NATaT are committed to working with telecommunication providers to reach agreements for small cell deployments in our communities to meet the infrastructure demands of our residents.