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### **Zayo to install “small cell” equipment to enhance mobile coverage**

Zayo Group, a high-speed fiber optic utility regulated under the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, will install five FCC approved antennas at the top of decorative steel poles throughout Zionsville. This will provide enhanced data and voice traffic for cell providers, especially during peak use times.

The five locations include:

- East side of Willow Road at Summersong Road
- South side of Willow Road at US 421
- East side of Elm Street south of Ash Street
- South side of Oak Street at the alley one-half block east of Main Street
- Southwest corner of Main and Sycamore Streets (The new pole is replacing an already existing wooden pole)

With the growing demand of data services, 911 enhancements and increasing usage of smartphones and tablets, existing large carrier towers cannot support their customers during high peak times in certain areas due to coverage issues. These "small cells" are currently being deployed in support of the nation's largest wireless carrier. The result for wireless customers is enhanced mobile coverage, capacity and speed in high-usage areas.

In February, Zayo applied for a permit from the Street & Stormwater Department to work in the right of way to install the small cell equipment on new light poles and one existing pole. The permitting process requires that the request is within the right of way and any construction activity on the site is restored upon completion. The Street & Stormwater Department can approve and regulate the work activity, but does not have the legal authority to deny utility work.

At the request of the Street & Stormwater Department, the Planning & Economic Development Department and the Town of Zionsville, the initially proposed wooden utility poles have been upgraded to green decorative light poles. Zayo Group has deployed similar facilities in Indianapolis, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield, Brownsburg, Kokomo, Lawrence, Speedway, Plainfield and Lafayette.

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