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AT&T, City of LA Explore Smart Cities Public-Private Partnership.

AT&T and the City of Los Angeles are in talks regarding a public-private partnership to make LA one of the smartest cities in America. AT&T's role in the partnership is the provision of IT technology and support for the deployment of small cell technology to address the problems that matter most to the people that live, work, and visit there.

To help the city solve issues related to road traffic, natural disaster preparedness, and public safety, AT&T said it's exploring the deployment of a variety of smart city products ranging from digital kiosks to structural monitoring to digital infrastructure. The deployment of these technologies will benefit all neighbourhoods in Los Angeles, helping to provide better connectivity to neighbourhoods that have been traditionally left behind in the digital divide, the company said in a press release.

To enhance existing voice and data capacity in LA, the company said it will be looking to deploy a greater number of small cells more rapidly to expand its existing network and begin deployment of a 5G network.

Small cell technology also helps bring increased capacity to first responders. This is in addition to the increased coverage and capacity that FirstNet is providing to the LA public safety community through the network's Band 14 spectrum build and integration of assets from the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System.

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