

AT&T Smart, Inclusive, Accessible Cities



Smart cities aspire to use technology to put people first. In an era of connected technologies, our cities have the potential to be built to respond to our needs and improve citizens' quality of life and smooth the path as we lead our lives. The smoother path created from Smarter Cities technology will help all citizens, especially those across a range of ages and physical or cognitive abilities.

Aging and accessibility issues touch millions across the country and are of growing concern, given demographic shifts. 92% of mayors feel aging issues are highly important, and six out of ten mayors have established a task force or initiative to support these issues in their city.

- In the 100 largest metropolitan areas of the United States, **nearly 25% of citizens are currently over the age of 65 or living with disabilities.**¹
- **17% of Americans have provided unpaid care** for their parents in the past year.²
- By 2024 **more than two million Americans will find work supporting families as personal care givers.** The disability market has \$8 trillion in annual disposable income.³

"Imaging a city where a person in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller can chart a route to the local park. They can plot their route, using accessible curbs and avoiding rough terrain and construction."

- Thaddeaus Arroyo,
Mobile World Congress Americas

Smart Cities Framework

Smart city technologies present an opportunity to expand the economic empowerment and wellbeing of aging communities and communities living with disabilities. That's why AT&T has created a framework for how the public and private sector can help make smart cities optimally beneficial for these communities.

Support Adoption

Bridge the digital divide by supporting adoption and full participation of smart city technologies for all communities

Design for Inclusion and Privacy

Put citizens first by developing technology according to Universal Design principles and protecting against privacy abuses

Engage Partners and Stakeholders

Create systems partnerships by engaging civil society, cross-industry leaders, and government to develop sustainable solutions

Foster the Entrepreneur Ecosystem

Promote civic innovation by enabling collaboration, data-sharing, and the development of peer solutions

To learn more about AT&T Accessible Smart Cities, go to smartcities4all.org

1. <http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/documents-2017/USCM-AARP-Aging-Report-1-17-17.pdf>; 2. <http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2015/caregiving-in-the-united-states-2015-report-revised.pdf>; 3. http://www.chwsny.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/BLS-Health-Care-Employment-Projections_2016.pdf