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Department of Public Service Releases Results of Statewide Drive Test of Mobile Wireless Coverage

Montpelier, VT – The Department of Public Service (PSD) today announced that it has released results of a drive test, conducted in conjunction with the Agency of Transportation (AOT), to determine mobile wireless coverage throughout the state.

“Access to mobile wireless service is a top priority for Vermonters, for this Administration, and for the Department,” said PSD Commissioner June Tierney. “We all know that there are many areas of the state that lack service. The drive tests will help to identify those areas so we can prioritize them for new coverage.”

The drive tests are a collaboration between the PSD and the AOT, which conducted the driving. “Identifying areas that lack service is a critical step toward the expansion and improvement of mobile wireless service around the state, and we are glad to have contributed to that effort,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “Our Maintenance employees have driven over 6,500 miles this summer to gather data for our partners at PSD to use for this project.”

To conduct the analysis, the State of Vermont partnered with Ookla®, a global leader in network intelligence and connectivity insights. “We are confident that Ookla’s industry-leading Wind drive-test solution and Speedtest application will provide results that the State can rely on to identify areas that lack coverage,” said Ookla VP of Smart Communities, Bryan Darr.

Mobile wireless consumers also participated in the effort by conducting their own tests. Residents used the Ookla Speedtest® app to test the speed and performance of their mobile internet connection. Ookla will include the results of all consumer mobile wireless tests conducted with the Ookla Speedtest mobile app with the results of the PSD and AOT drive tests.

For more information on how to participate please visit the [PSD webpage](https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/mobile-wireless-drive-test):
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