

The Geospatial Transportation Mapping Association (GTMA) is comprised of companies that provide digital mapping and asset collection services to state transportation agencies. Our members utilize GPS as an integral part of network asset data collection in a mobile platform. That data is later used to better manage and improve safety on our nation's road and transportation networks. We appreciate the FCC's willingness to accept input on the issues of conflict between GPS and LightSquared's proposed ground-based wireless network.

The FCC has consistently held that the burden of interference mitigation fell on LightSquared prior to the deployment of a ground-based system. To date, LightSquared has been unable to resolve concerns that their ground-based network can be deployed without seriously compromising GPS functionality.

With this in mind, the GTMA strongly supports the FCC's most recent proposal to withdraw the January 2011 waiver that allowed LightSquared to proceed with its planned wireless network; and to modify LightSquared's satellite license to prohibit LightSquared from building any ground-based wireless network.

The most recent interference studies on February 14, 2012 demonstrate the prudence of this action. If at a future date LightSquared can demonstrate that they have been able to overcome the interference issues, the FCC can revisit the issue. At this time, however, it seems appropriate that the regulatory lean should provide a clear line for LightSquared and for future investors regarding the obstacles to be overcome.

We wish LightSquared well in their efforts to resolve these technical obstacles. Their proposal, if deployable under the right circumstances, could provide beneficial services to the market. Such benefits, however, should not be permitted so long as deployment results in the elimination of the contributions derived from GPS.

Sincerely,

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