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Chairman Carr Launches FCC's 'Space Month' Agenda

Marks Major Step Forward in FCC's Work to Promote U.S. Space Dominance

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., October 6, 2025—At a ribbon cutting for a new satellite manufacturing facility in The Gundo, FCC Chairman Brendan Carr announced the launch of his “Space Month” agenda. One of the core objectives of the FCC’s Build America Agenda is boosting America’s space economy and, in his remarks before industry entrepreneurs, the Chairman previewed actions that the FCC will vote on later this month to reimagine the regulatory framework for space innovation.

Chairman Carr issued the following statement:

“With President Trump’s leadership, America is entering a new Golden Age of innovation in space—one where U.S. businesses are going to dominate. That is why President Trump signed an Executive Order earlier this year to streamline regulations and foster a competitive commercial space industry.

“At the FCC, we have been doing our part through a Build America Agenda that aims to boost our country’s space economy. Now, the FCC is going to add rocket fuel to those efforts. We are declaring October 2025 ‘Space Month’ at the FCC. Big picture—our goal is to make sure that the U.S. is the friendliest regulatory environment in the world for innovators to start, to grow, and to accelerate their space operations. This will make it easier for entrepreneurs like the ones I met with today to invest and build in America.”

Highlights from Chairman Carr’s Space Month Agenda:

- **Modernizing Space Licensing**— This plan will modernize the FCC’s licensing processes to match the scale and dynamism of today’s space economy. It will do so by doing away with bespoke licensing processes in favor of a “licensing assembly line.” This will include expediting licensing requests presumed to be in the public interest, as well as simplifying applications, establishing clear timelines, and increasing flexibility for licensed operations.
- **Facilitating More Intensive Use for Upper Microwave Spectrum**— Nearly a decade ago, the FCC set rules for siting Earth Stations in the Upper Microwave Flexible Use (UMFUS) bands. Since then, demand by the space sector for spectrum has skyrocketed, including for use of these bands. This proposal will look at a wide range of reforms to our Earth Station siting rules to more intensively use these spectrum bands and to streamline the Earth Station licensing process.

Additional Background Information:

Since January, the FCC has been laying the groundwork to boost America’s space economy. The Commission has already taken critical actions, including launching a [proceeding](#) that looks at bolstering and safeguarding the services provided by our GPS system, opening a [rulemaking](#) that could free up more than 20,000 megahertz for satellite broadband, and [initiating](#) review of outdated

technical rules holding back low earth orbit broadband. Additionally, the FCC has been clearing out satellite application [backlogs](#), reducing processing times at a record pace, and has [eliminated](#) approval requirements for a range of routine changes that pose no risk to the public.

FULL TEXT: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/build-america-unleashing-americas-space-economy>

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