



CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Cell Site Modification to AT&T at Harbor Island
Location: 3130 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: 007-030
Project No.: 2019-143
Applicant: Frank B. DePeralta, Manager Real Estate Administration, AT&T Mobility, 7337 Trade Street, 3 East, Room 3684, San Diego, CA 92121-4202
Date Approved: August 26, 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve upgrades including installation of ancillary equipment and replacement of existing equipment to allow better cell coverage to the public by AT&T (Applicant) in the city of San Diego, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the following:

- Removal and replacement of:
 - o Three (3) antennas (like-for-like replacement)
 - o 18 remote radio units (RRU)
- Installation of new:
 - o Six (6) RRUs
 - o Battery rack and 16 battery modules
 - o 2 DC-06 surge suppressors
 - o 2 fiber trunks
 - o 4 DC power trunks

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in the fall and would take approximately one (1) month to complete. Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemption: SG §15302, Class 2/Section 3.b: Replacement or Reconstruction; SG §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

AND/OR

3.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3): Includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another with minor modifications to the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include:

3. Water, sewer, electrical, gas, telephone, and other utility structures or facilities.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of the replacement/reconstruction of an existing structure/facility, would be located on the same site as the structure replaced, would have substantially the same purpose and capacity, and would consist of installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures that would improve operation of the existing facilities. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 2 - Harbor Island/Lindbergh Field (Precise Plan Figure 9)

Land Use Designation: Promenade

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve installation of new telecommunications equipment on an existing monopine, consistent with the existing certified Land use designation. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming use of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities; Section 8.b: Replacement or Reconstruction; and Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

- 8.a. Existing Facilities: The operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:
- (2) Public and private utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewer, or other utility services

AND/OR

- 8.b. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.
- (2) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity

AND/OR

- 8.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Sections of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced, would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.


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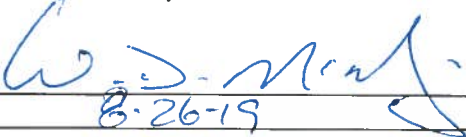
The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(4) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of highways, streets, roadways, bridges, belt line railroads, parking facilities, power, telephone, telegraph or cable lines or landings, water and gas pipelines, and all other transportation and utility facilities or betterments incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of the uses set forth in this section. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

RANDA CONIGLIO
President/CEO

Determination by:
Michael Paul
Assistant Planner
Development Services

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: 
Date: 8-26-19

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