



October 30, 2019

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**RE: 1025 NORTH BRAND BOULEVARD
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES PWTF 1828508
(AT&T Wireless)**

Dear Ms. Iselt:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 30.48.020 for a wireless telecommunications facility permit, the Community Development Department processed your application to modify an existing AT&T wireless telecommunication facility (on an existing commercial building) located at **1025 North Brand Boulevard**, in the "C3" - Commercial Service, Height District III Zone, and described as Portions of Lot 5, Block 15, Glendale Boulevard Tract, in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 "Existing Facility" exemption (Section 15301 (e) (1) of the State CEQA Guidelines) because it is a minor alteration of an existing facility involving negligible expansion.

NOTE: Pursuant to Section 704(a), Title 7 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, only the Federal Government may regulate the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions from wireless telecommunication facilities.

REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS

After considering the evidence presented with respect to this application, the plans submitted therewith, the Planning Hearing Officer has **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** your application based on the following findings:

- 1. To the maximum extent reasonably feasible, the proposed wireless telecommunications facility has been designed to achieve compatibility with the community.**

AT&T is proposing modifications to an existing wireless telecommunication facility on an existing commercial building that was previously entitled by a Conditional Use

Permit, Case No. PCUP 2005-020, which expired on August 31, 2010. Additional antennas by other carriers are located on the building. The existing wireless telecommunication facility consists of a three-sector antenna array with four antennas per sector (12 total) mounted behind an RF-friendly screening structure (ten feet in height) on the penthouse (eleven feet, eight inches in height) of an existing three-story commercial building. Two GPS antennas, one microwave dish, and nine equipment cabinets are installed on a steel platform and mounted adjacent to the penthouse on the main roof.

The proposed modification to the facility includes the following:

- Remove nine panel antennas
- Remove one 2106 RBS cabinet
- Remove one 3106 RBS cabinet
- Remove six TMAs
- Install nine panel antennas
- Relocate three panel antennas
- Remove and replace existing antenna frames, TYP, per sector
- Relocate DC2/DC6, RRUs fiber boxes
- Install three RRUs 32
- Install three B14 4478
- Remove two power plants
- Relocate existing DC12 within power plant
- Install one power plant
- Install eight rectifiers
- Install one battery cabinet
- Remove eight M12V155FT batteries
- Relocate four M12V155FT batteries to new battery cabinet
- Relocate twelve M12V180FT batteries to new power plant cabinet
- Consolidate UMTS to existing RBS 3106
- An existing generator will remain in place—to be used only during emergencies and power outages.

The existing wireless telecommunications facility was designed to achieve compatibility with the community because its location and appearance are consistent with the development standards of the Commercial Services (C3) Zone in which the project is located. The proposed changes are compatible with the existing wireless telecommunication facility and will not increase its current height of eight feet. The existing and proposed antennas are located behind the existing ten-foot high RF-friendly screen, mounted on the existing penthouse located on the roof of the building. The existing location and configuration were selected to minimize visual impact, fill a gap in coverage, provide better quality service, and meet existing demand in the area of the intersection and surrounding areas of North Brand Boulevard and West Dryden Street.

2. Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.

Alternative configurations are not reasonably feasible. The existing configuration was established in 2005 and determined to be the most suitable for best wireless coverage given the various FCC and City regulations and codes that applied to wireless projects at the time. Due to the minor scope of the proposed project, which is to update an existing wireless telecommunications facility, altering the configuration and going through the subsequent extensive FCC regulatory compliance and review process would not be reasonably feasible. Furthermore, an alternative configuration would reduce the effectiveness of the wireless facility. As previously mentioned, no physical changes are proposed to the existing structures. All existing and new equipment and cabinets will remain in their present location behind the existing ten-foot high screen mounted on the existing penthouse of the existing building.

3. Alternative locations on the site will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.

Other locations at the proposed site are not reasonably feasible. The existing location was selected in 2005 and determined to be the most suitable for providing service coverage given the various FCC and City regulations and codes that applied to wireless projects at the time. There is another carrier on the roof which limits the amount of space available for an alternative location, which would not fill the needed gap in coverage. Originally, the site was selected to easily allow any future modifications to the site necessary without having to relocate the entire facility—potentially creating extensive visual impact and reducing service coverage. The proposed modification fills a gap in coverage with as little impact as possible on the existing building and surrounding neighborhood.

4. The location of the wireless telecommunications facility on alternative sites will not increase community compatibility or is not reasonably feasible.

Locating the existing wireless telecommunications facility to an alternative site is not feasible because the application request is to update the existing facility without changing or expanding its physical layout. The existing location and configuration were established in 2005 and determined to be the most suitable for best wireless coverage given the various FCC and City regulations and codes that applied to wireless projects at the time. Adding new technology to the current location results in a proposal most compatible and feasible with the purpose of the Wireless Telecommunication ordinance and the radio frequency coverage objectives. Locations at 103 East Glenoaks Boulevard and 1111 North Brand Boulevard were evaluated and determined to be sites unable to provide the same level of coverage

needs as the existing site. These alternate site locations would also create an additional facility, which may not be compatible with the community. Given the minor scope of the project, which is to update an existing facility, identifying a new site and going through the subsequent extensive FCC regulatory compliance and review process would not be reasonably feasible.

5. The facility is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage.

The proposed modification is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage, increase network capacity and maintain service quality within this area. The radio frequency propagation maps submitted with the application show how the coverage gap is being met. The Wireless Systems Administrator for the City's Information Services Department, reviewed the application materials and maps, and concurred that this site and the proposed modifications are necessary to fill a gap in coverage consistent with the ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits.

6. The applicant has submitted a statement of its willingness to allow other carriers to co-locate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility wherever technically and economically feasible and where co-location would not harm community compatibility.

AT&T stated their willingness to allow other carriers to collocate on the site, wherever technically and economically feasible and compatible, as required in Section 30.40.020 (H)(1)(i) of the Glendale Municipal Code.

7. Noise generated by equipment will not be unnecessary, excessive, annoying nor be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.

No excessive noise will be generated by the proposed scope of work as the existing equipment is on the roof and existing antennas will be replaced on the building façade. The existing equipment, along with the proposed equipment, will not emit any noise decibels in excess of established noise standards contained in Chapter 8.36 of the Glendale Municipal Code.

8. The facility complies with all of the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and orders.

The applicant provided satisfactory evidence that the existing and proposed facility will meet all Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements, state and federal laws, and local regulations and orders.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL of this Wireless Telecommunication Facility (WTF) shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development shall be in substantial accord with the plans submitted with the application except for any modifications as may be required to meet specific Code standards or other conditions stipulated herein to the satisfaction of the Hearing Officer.
2. That all necessary permits (i.e., building, fire, engineering, etc.) shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division and all construction shall be in compliance with the Glendale Building Code and all other applicable regulations.
3. That all licenses, permits as required or approvals from Federal, State, County or City authorities, including the City Clerk, shall be obtained and kept current at all times.
4. That the premises shall be made available and accessible to any authorized City personnel (Building, Fire, Police, Planning and Neighborhood Services, etc.) for inspection to ascertain that all conditions of approval are in compliance.
5. That design review approval or exemption shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
6. That all non-functional or obsolete equipment shall be removed from the site.
7. That any transmissions shall not produce noise or other disturbances, which would interfere with normal activities in the area. The opinion of the Hearing Officer shall determine or settle disputes concerning this condition.
8. That any equipment service lighting shall be directed into the work area and shielded away from adjacent properties.
9. That all exterior antennas and equipment, including cables and supports, shall be painted to match the existing building.
10. That the premises be maintained in a clean and orderly condition, free of weeds, trash and graffiti.
11. That all equipment cabinets shall display a legible sign clearly identifying the addresses, email contact information, and 24-hour local or toll-free contact telephone numbers for both the permittee and the agent responsible for the maintenance of the wireless telecommunications facility. Such information shall be updated in the event of a change in the permittee, the agent responsible for maintenance of the wireless telecommunications facility, or both.

12. That upon assignment or transfer of an authorization to operate a wireless telecommunications facility or any of the rights under said authorization, the owner or operator shall, within 30 days, provide written notice to the Director of Community Development Department of the date of transfer and the identity of the transferee.
13. That public access to a wireless telecommunications facility shall be restricted. Security measures shall include fencing, screening, and security signage, as deemed appropriate by the Director of Community Development Department.
14. That the authorization granted herein shall be valid for a period of **TEN (10) YEARS UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2029**, at which time, a reapplication must be made prior to the expiration date.

APPEAL PERIOD

The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this grant is not a permit or license and that any permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper City and public agency.

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the Planning Commission if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented. It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Permit Services Center (PSC) or the Community Development Department (CDD) upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before **November 14, 2019** at the Permit Services Center (PSC), 633 East Broadway, Room 101, Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, or at the Community Development Department (CDD), 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Monday thru Friday 12:00 pm to 5 pm.

APPEAL FORMS are available on-line at: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/appeal>

TIME LIMITS (GMC Chapter 30.41)

Termination

Every right or privilege authorized by a Wireless Telecommunications Facility shall terminate two (2) years after the granting of such, unless the exercise of such right or privilege has commenced in good faith prior to such time, except as otherwise provided for.

Lapse of Privilege

A Wireless Telecommunications Facility may be terminated by the review authority upon any interruption or cessation of the use permitted by the Wireless Telecommunications Facility for one year or more in the continuous exercise in good faith of such right and privilege.

Time Extension

Permits granted by such right or privilege may be requested one time and extended for up to a maximum of one (1) additional year upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and demonstration that a reasonable effort to act on such right and privilege has commenced within the two (2) years of the approval date. In granting such extension the applicable review authority shall make a written finding that neighborhood conditions have not substantially changed since the granting of the Wireless Telecommunications Facility.

TRANSFERABILITY

This authorization runs with the land or the use for which it was intended for and approved. In the event the property is to be sold, leased, rented or occupied by any person or corporation other than yourself, it is incumbent that you advise them regarding the conditions and/or limitations of this grant.

VIOLATIONS OF THESE CONDITIONS

Violations of conditions required by this determination may constitute a misdemeanor or infraction under section 1.20.010 of the Glendale Municipal Code (GMC) and/or a violation of other local, State or Federal laws or regulations. Unless a specific penalty is provided, any person convicted of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Infractions are punishable by a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. Violations of conditions required by this determination may be grounds for a revocation.

REVOCATION

Section 30.64.020 – Revocation – The Community Development Department shall have continuing jurisdiction over variances, conditional use permits, administrative exceptions and wireless telecommunications facilities. To consider the revocation, the Director of Community Development shall hold a public hearing after giving notice by the same procedure as for consideration of a wireless telecommunications facilities at least ten (10) days' notice by mail to the applicant or permittee.

NOTICE – SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE

The Applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner first and then, the Hearing Officer who acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **by appointment only** (in order to assure customer service with a minimum amount of waiting). You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Betty Barberena during normal business hours at her direct line (818) 937-8162 or via email at Bbarberena@glendaleca.gov.

Sincerely,
PHILIP LANZAFAME
Director of Community Development



Bradley Collin
Planning Hearing Officer

BC: BB: sm

CC: City Clerk (K.Cruz); Police Dept. (J.Newton/Z.Avila); City Attorney's Dept. (G. Van Muyden/Y.Neukian); Fire Prevention Engineering Section-(J.Halpert); Dir of Public Works (Y. Emrani); Traffic & Transportation Section (P.Casanova); Integrated Waste Management Admin. (D. Hartwell); Maintenance Services Section Admin. (D. Hardgrove/T.Dodson); Street and Field Services Admin.; Engineering and Environmental Management (C.Chew/R. Villaluna); General Manager for Glendale Water and Power (S.Zurn); Glendale Water & Power--Water Section (G. Tom/S. Boghosian/R.Takidin); Glendale Water & Power--Electric Section (B. Alshanti/B.Ortiz/E.Olsen); Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept. (T. Aleksanian); Neighborhood Services Division (R.Sada/J.Jouharian/); Wireless Supervisor (G.Arnold); and case planner – Betty Barberena.