# Commercial Wireless Facilities within Historic Districts

Wide Area Small Cell Deployment, within the Public Right-of-Way, at various historic districts in the northeast and SOMA

Architectural Review Committee of the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission

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**Typical Macro** rooftop wireless Facility

Average of 3 to 16 panel antennas

Known Historic Resource

3 Panel Antennas within faux vent pipes and equipment cabinets inside building

Approved Design





CN5632 Francisco Launderette 1763 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94133

#### view from Jones Street looking north at site



Current Proposed Small Cell on SFPUC Light poles, by Extenet, for Verizon Wireless



SFPUC Light poles, by Modus, for Verizon Wireless | New Montgomery Article 11

Initial proposal includes 40+ facilities specifically within Article 10 & 11 Districts in SOMA & Northeast of City (generally east of Van Ness Avenue and north of Market Street)





300+ total facilities proposed on steel poles in Northeast, Mission Bay, & SOMA



= Article 10 Landmark Districts



= Article 11 Preservation Districts





#### **Previous Proposals**

**Disapproved Design** 

Replacement transit (electric MUNI bus/rail) pole with panel antennas, and 4 boxes, including equipment cabinet, battery backup, disconnect, and meter

1 of 9 locations for AT&T Mobility in small-scale residential neighborhoods of Haight-Ashbury and the Marina



Context Example Phillips/Ericsson "ZeroSite" | Composite Pole with panel antennas inside & equipment in base | Appears too large for most small-scale SF streets



Context Example Small Cell Facility by Mobilitie in Chicago





14 inch antenna enclosure on wide transit poles

Small RF Warning Sticker (white & blue)

Cabling located inside pole

(2) Radio Relay Units (computers for power and communications) *No fan noise, lights, logos or decals* 

No major street trenching required In some instances a 2' x 3' sidewalk-flush vault is required

1 of 3 Pole Types

Proposed Extene

SFMTA Owned Pole | Wider pole featuring cobra head light and supporting overhead electric lines for buses and light rail



### Proposed Design for SFMTA (MUNI) Transit Poles (with no lighting)



Applied Imagination 510 914-0500

Context Example

Initial Concept (1 of 2) Offset arm not supported by Planning Exposed cabling & passive gear not supported by Planning

Shroud needed



Context Example Initial mockup on standard steel tapered light pole owned by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)



Context Example



Initial Mockup

Initial mockup on standard steel tapered light pole owned by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)

Initial mockup featured extra RF warning sticker (not required at this location) and cabling dropping substantially below each radio relay unit (computer)



Context Example



## cabling below RRUs (boxes midway down pole)





Mockup of Small Cell on Standard Light Poles, by Extenet, for Verizon Wireless





67 facilities proposed in SOMA (24) and NE (43) on wooden utility poles, not owned by the City

2 of the 67 sites proposed on wooden utility poles within Northeast Waterfront Landmark District (Article 10)

Location 1 of 2 (Sansome Street)

1 pole each, adjacent to 1025 Sansome Street and 848 Battery Street





Planning continuing to work on reducing overall pole height increase and width of electric meter

Location 1 of 2 (Sansome Street)

at 1025 Sansome Street and 848 Battery Street

ARC Attachment | Joint Pole Association Pole at 848 Battery Street





COA includes 2 sites on wooden utility poles in Northeast Waterfront Landmark District (Article 10) at 1025 Sansome Street and 848 Battery Street



12 new DAS sites proposed in Richmond/Sunset

- Crown Castle for Verizon Wireless
- Does not include large/bulky battery cabinet & power meter on pole across street
- Design not supported by Planning. Re-design under way



CROWN Node SF SS05M

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1531 40th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94121 Looking South from 40th Avenue

View #2 Applied Imagination 510 914-0500

#### Prior Planning Department Recommendations | Steel Poles

- Citywide approval, awaiting ARC/HPC review for locations in Article 10 and 11 Districts; and Market Street (between Castro Street and Embarcadero)
- Require street tree to be provided (where appropriate) by wireless carrier to reduce visibility of equipment boxes (RRUs)
- Utilize signage (e.g. road, guide, informational signage), or other appropriate elements, in front of RRUs to reduce visibility for pole locations in areas which define City (e.g. historic districts)
- Remove all manufacturer decals & logos. Retain one Radio-Frequency (RF) warning sticker near antenna with smallest size and lowest visibility color allowed
- No attachments to historic or decorative light poles (e.g. Market Street Path of Gold, Golden Triangle, or fluted poles in Jackson Square)

#### Primary ARC/HPC Inquiries | Steel & Wood Poles

- Compatibility of Project with respect to Secretary of Interior Standards and effects it may have on corresponding Landmark or Conservation Districts
- Clarify Project falls within prior delegation for wireless facilities to be reviewed administratively, by HPC Motion No. 0241 (originally focused on rooftop-mounted wireless facilities)
- Project Sponsor continues to work with ARC and Staff to better integrate design within historically sensitive areas
- Delegate review to staff for future projects by other wireless carriers if they demonstrate similar design intent (e.g. visibility and massing)



Standard Light Pole Design (with signage in front of RRUs)



Standard Light Pole Design at RRU level



Standard MUNI Light Pole Design at antenna level



Extenet for Verizon Wireless (proposed) | 1 of 43 in Russian/Nob/Telegraph Hills

- + Slim equipment cabinets and (cleaner) antenna type
- Substantial pole height increase on a signature street (Lombard at Columbus)
- Wide electric meter