



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TFCG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordination Group (TFCG) was held on February 5, 2025. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams	(via video)	TFCG Chair
Benjamin Berbert	(via video)	M-NCPPC
Carina J Gonzalez	(via video)	MCPS
Daryl Braithwaite	(via video)	City of Takoma Park
Gerry Adcock	(via video)	TEBS – Public Safety
Patricia Wolford	(via video)	DPS
Seamus McNamara	(via video)	OMB
Thomas Williamson	(via video)	DGS
Wayne Anderson	(via video)	WSSC

STAFF

James Crane	(via video)	CTC
Heather Elliott	(via video)	DTS
Nirav Gori	(via video)	CTC
Shawn Thompson	(via video)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Bahareh Inanloo	(via video)	DPS
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Action Item: Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025

Motion: Gerry Adcock moved to approve the January minutes. Seamus McNamara seconded the motion. Patricia Wolford and Carina Gonzalez abstained, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

1. ***Application Number:*** 2024092338 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 9/30/2024
Revised: 1/23/2025

Applicant: Sitelink Wireless, LLC on behalf of AT&T Wireless

Site Name/Location: Trolley Museum/1313 Bonifant Rd., Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: RE-2 ***Property Owner:*** M-NCPPC

Description: AT&T proposes modifications to an existing monopole structure that will consist of the removal of 6 antennas, 12 remote radio units (RRU), and 6 diplexers. AT&T will be installing 9 antennas and 12 RRUs while also upgrading ancillary equipment as needed.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on the condition the applicant provides written approval from M-NCPPC staff at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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2. ***Application Number:*** 2024092342 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 9/30/2024
Revised: 11/19/2024
Revised: 1/15/2025

Applicant: Sitelink Wireless, LLC on behalf of AT&T Wireless

Site Name/Location: Shady Grove Post Office/16501 Shady Grove Rd., Gaithersburg

Zoning Standard: IM-0.5 H-75 ***Property Owner:*** United States Postal Service

Description: AT&T proposes modifications to an existing monopole structure that will consist of the removal of 3 antennas and 15 RRUs. AT&T will be installing 3 antennas and 12 RRUs. AT&T will to upgrade ancillary equipment as needed.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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3. ***Application Number:*** 2024102343 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 10/1/2024
Revised: 12/10/2024
Revised: 1/8/2025

Applicant: Sitelink Wireless, LLC on behalf of AT&T Wireless

Site Name/Location: Leaman Property/13820 Clopper Rd., Boyds

Zoning Standard: R-200 ***Property Owner:*** American Tower Asset Sub 2 LLC

Description: AT&T will be removing 7 antennas, 12 RRUs, and 6 diplexers and installing 10 antennas and 9 RRUs while also upgrading ancillary equipment as needed. Additionally, 2 existing antennas will be relocated.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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4. **Application Number:** 2024122382 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 12/11/2024
Revised: 12/31/2024
Revised: 1/8/2025

Applicant: Sitelink Wireless LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Tri-State Stone Quarry/8200 Seven Locks Rd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: R-200 **Property Owner:** Ben Porto & Son LTD

Description: Verizon proposes modifications to an existing monopole structure that will consist of plans to remove 9 existing antennas, replace with 9 new antennas, remove 6 existing remote radio heads (RRH), replace with 6 new RRHs, and upgrade/modify ancillary equipment in support of the new antennas/RRHs.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024122382+Application.pdf>

5. **Application Number:** 2024122383 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 12/13/2024
Revised: 1/8/2025

Applicant: Network Building + Consulting on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Public Storage Prosperity/12355 Prosperity Dr., Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: CR-0.75 C-0.75 R-0.25 H-75 **Property Owner:** Public Storage LP

Description: T-Mobile proposes removing 1 existing cabinet and 1 existing generator. T-Mobile proposes installing one 48kW generator, per plans, within the pre-existing telecommunications facility.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024122383+Application.pdf>

6. **Application Number:** 2024092326 **Type:** Colocation **Received (date):** 12/18/2024
Revised: 1/9/2025

Applicant: Sitelink Wireless LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Trolley Museum/1313 Bonifant Rd., Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: RE-2 **Property Owner:** M-NCPPC

Description: T-Mobile proposes to install 3 sector frame mounts, 9 antennas, 6 RRHs, 3 hybrid cables, 2 cabinets, and one 10x15-foot concrete pad within an existing leased ground space.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on the condition the applicant provides written approval from M-NCPPC staff at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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Benjamin Berbert made a motion to recommend the consent agenda. Patricia Wolford seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

1. ***Application Number:*** 2024112367 ***Type:*** New ***Received (date):*** 12/17/2024

Revised: 1/28/2025

Revised: 1/29/2025

Applicant: Network Towers II, LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Colesville Depot/14335 Cape May Rd., Silver Springs

Zoning Standard: RE-2C ***Property Owner:*** Montgomery County

Description: This application is for a new 179-foot, 3-sector monopole to be leased, zoned, permitted, and maintained by Network Towers II, LLC at 14335 Cape May Road, Silver Spring, at Montgomery County's Colesville Depot. Three carriers are interested in locating on this structure; Verizon is the lead carrier and the applicant submitted letters of intent from AT&T and T-Mobile. Verizon proposes to install 6 JMA Wireless MX06FHGH865-HG antennas (2 per sector) and 3 Samsung MT6413-77A antenna/RRH combo units (1 per sector). The total proposed lease area is 1,815 square feet (30'x48' for ground equipment and 15'x25' for potential propane tanks). Verizon's lease area for ground equipment will be a 12.5 x 21-foot concrete pad. There are 2 equipment cabinets proposed (a Charles PM63912TN1 for the radio equipment and a Charles LT-BB24/BB48 battery cabinet), as shown in the updated site plan dated 1/23/25.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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Shawn Thompson summarized the application.

Shawn discussed the neighborhoods that would be affected by the visual impact of the proposed monopole. The potential visual impacts were evaluated from the residential neighborhood northwest of the proposed tower, across Cape May Road. Additionally, some visibility of the site was noted west of the residential complex along Old Bonifant Road. Shawn also highlighted that the new monopole site is visible from portions of the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200.

Tom Williamson stated that the proposed monopole is essential as it will address existing coverage gaps. Margie Williams noted that public safety officials have highlighted concerns regarding coverage issues. Gerry Adcock concurred, acknowledging the need for improved coverage. Margie also mentioned that an application for conditional use is required.

Gerry Adcock made a motion to recommend application 2024112367. Seamus McNamara seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

2. ***Application Number:*** 2024122377 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 12/12/2024
Revised: 12/19/2024
Revised: 1/21/2025
Revised: 1/24/2025

Applicant: Smartlink Group on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: PEPCO Substation 118 Temporary Tower/17101 Germantown Rd.,
Germantown

Zoning Standard: AR ***Property Owner:*** PEPCO

Description: Verizon Wireless proposes to install new equipment on an existing temporary
monopole, to include 9 antennas and 6 RRHs.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to
compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024122377+Application+and+Report.pdf>

Shawn Thompson summarized the application.

Seamus McNamara made a motion to recommend application 2024122377. Wayne Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2025, at 2 p.m.