



Commission Action

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PROJECT
Small Cell Infrastructure Guidelines
Washington, DC

SUBMITTED BY
District of Columbia Department of
Transportation

REVIEW AUTHORITY
Approval
per 40 U.S.C. § 8711(e)(2)

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7994

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST
Approval of final comments on draft
guidelines

ACTION TAKEN
Approved final comments on draft
guidelines

The Commission:

Thanks the District Department of Transportation for incorporating the recommendations of the Commission and for working with NCPC staff on this complex and important effort.

Notes the revised guidelines incorporate the *Federal Core Interest Area* map, as adopted by the Commission, that identifies the permissible locations for small cell facilities on District rights-of-way in the areas of highest federal interest around the National Mall.

Notes that outside of the *Federal Core Interest Area* map, small cell infrastructure is not allowed in the right-of-way adjacent to federal reservations.

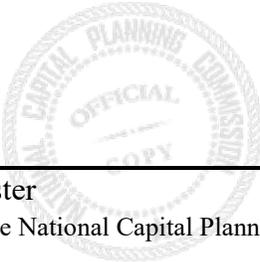
Notes NCPC staff have initiated coordination with the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution in evaluating coverage needs and potential solutions that include the National Mall, Constitution and Independence Avenues over the next six months. No facilities will be permitted along Constitution or Independence Avenues until a more comprehensive evaluation of coverage needs and facilities placement can be developed for this area.

Notes DDOT will work with NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, other District agencies and carriers over the next six months to develop a design or standard for standalone poles. In the meantime, small cell facilities will be limited to attachments to existing poles.

Notes the revised guidelines include a fifty percent reduction in allowable density of small cell facilities per block face across the entire District, as compared to the previous draft. This reduction is consistent with analysis and recommendations that NCPC developed in its analysis of the federal core.

Notes NCPC staff will continue to work with DDOT to address details regarding consistency and clarity throughout the document.

Notes that the Commission encourages hoteling as the preferred approach, when possible.



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