

National Capital Region
Office of Planning & Design Quality

August 5, 2025

Ms. Anne Brockett State Historic Preservation Office District of Columbia 1100 4th Street, SW Suite 650-E Washington, DC 20024

Re: T-Mobile Antenna Modification – Veterans Administration Headquarters Building

Dear Ms. Brockett:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is working with T-Mobile to modify their current array at the Veterans Administration Headquarters Building (VA HQ) located at 810 Vermont Avenue NW. GSA has determined that the undertaking will have an effect on historic resources and in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800, is initiating Section 106 consultations for this undertaking.

Existing Conditions:

T-Mobile currently has three sectors at VA HQ. Proposed changes would occur at Sectors One and Two.

- Sector One: 4 panel antennas, 2 remote radio heads, 2 hybrid cables
- Sector Two: 4 panel antennas, 2 remote radio heads, 2 hybrid cables
- Sector Three: 4 panel antennas, 2 remote radio heads, 2 hybrid cables

Proposed Changes:

Modifications include removal of two existing small cell antennas and installation of two new mmWave antennas at Sectors One and Two. The two new mmWave antennas (also panels) would be placed at the front of the building using a similar pipe mount design as other antennas currently in place. Sector Three would be unchanged. The total antenna count would be unchanged. The new mmWave antennas would be painted to match the building's exterior façade.

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We have enclosed technical drawings detailing the proposed changes. In addition, we have included a brief narrative and photo-simulations of the proposed changes.

The proposed antenna and equipment upgrade will follow approved installation protocols for both



reversibility and minimal visibility. For these reasons, we have determined that the proposed upgrades will have no adverse effect on the subject buildings or adjacent historic resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Veas at (202) 262-9236 or lindsey.veas@gsa.gov. We are available to review the proposed installation with you, if desired. Upon completion of the 106 consultation and compliance, GSA will submit the project to the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts for their respective actions.

Sincerely,

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I hereby concur with the General Services Administration's finding that the proposed antenna and equipment upgrade at the Veterans Administration Headquarters Building, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, will have no adverse effect on the subject building or adjacent historic resources.

Ms. Anne Brockett

Historic Preservation Office for the District of Columbia

Date August 6, 2025