



NCPC Recertification: GSA Department of Agriculture Rooftop
1300 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20004

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Dear Jasmina:

AT&T is seeking recertification from NCPC for their roof top telecommunications facility at 1300 Independence Ave SW. AT&T's equipment has not changed aesthetically since the last NCPC approval from September 2nd, 2021. AT&T certifies that all conditions of the original approval are and continue to be satisfied. The original installation is structurally sound and continues to meet all submission requirements. The installation meets OSHA requirements.

As per your March 16th, 2026 email please see the attached documents for NCPC recertification review.

- Certification that the transmitting antennas comply with the RF radiation guidelines adopted by the FCC and Applicable health and safety regulations adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- A copy of the previous NCPC approval.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Barlow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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AT&T Statement on Interference and FCC Compliance

Date: 03/30/2026

Site Name: Department of Agriculture

Site Address: 1300 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

To whom it may concern:

AT&T operates its network (as well as the National Public Safety Broadband Network, which it operates on behalf of the First Responders Network Authority) in accordance with FCC rules, including those that protect AT&T, the authority and other spectrum users from harmful interference.



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Executive Director's Recommendation

Commission Meeting: September 2, 2021

PROJECT Department of Agriculture South Building ExteNet Antenna Project United States Department of Agriculture South Building 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8298
SUBMITTED BY United States General Services Administration	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.74(38.30)45363
REVIEW AUTHORITY Federal Projects in the District per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of preliminary and final site development plans
	PROPOSED ACTION Approve preliminary and final site development plans
	ACTION ITEM TYPE Consent Calendar

PROJECT SUMMARY

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for four proposed panel antennas to be located on the corner penthouses of the United States Department of Agriculture South Building, located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC. The antennas each measure 24.75 inches in height, 12 inches in width and five inches in depth. The proposed installation matches the previously approved submissions. In particular, the antennas will be mounted in front of penthouse window openings to minimize visibility from the ground. The new antennas, along with the existing antennas, will be painted a darker color to blend in with the windows.

The proposed installation locations include:

- One new antenna at the north face of Northeast Penthouse located at 12th Street, SW and Independence Ave, SW.
- One new antenna at the south face of Southeast Penthouse located at 12th Street, SW and C Street, SW.
- One new antenna at the west face of the Southwest Penthouse located at 14th Street, SW and C Street, SW.
- One new antenna at the north face of the Northwest Penthouse at 14th Street, SW & Independence Avenue, SW.

There are currently 21 antennas on the roof which have previously been approved by NCPC. Five antennas were approved by the Commission in November 2016 for a period of five years. The other 16 antennas were approved in 2018 and 2019.

KEY INFORMATION

- The Commission approved a total of 21 antennas in separate projects from 2016 (5), 2018 (12) and 2019 (4) on the four rooftop penthouses of this building.
- The antennas on this building will be placed in existing windows located on the four rooftop penthouses. These windows are not used by employees as they are located in the penthouses which are inaccessible to staff.
- The proposed antennas, as well as the previously installed antennas, will be painted a darker color to make them less visible.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final site development plans for four new antennas on the rooftop penthouses of the United States Department of Agriculture South Building at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, for a period not to exceed five years.

Supports the GSA proposal to paint all antennas on the Agriculture South building a darker color to blend in with the penthouse windows.

Reminds GSA to resubmit the five antennas approved in November 2016 on the Agriculture South rooftop (NCPC file # 7832) since their 5-year approval expires in November 2021.

PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

Previous actions	November 2016 – approved preliminary and final plans for 5 antennas on the USDA South Building roof October 2018 – approved preliminary and final plans for 12 antennas on the USDA South Building roof. June 2019 – approved preliminary and final plans for 4 antennas on the USDA South Building roof.
Remaining actions (anticipated)	None

PROJECT ANALYSIS

Executive Summary

GSA has submitted a proposal for four antennas at the USDA South building to complete the multi-carrier antenna installation which began in November 2016. The prior installations utilized existing features of the building to help minimize the visibility of the antennas thereby lessening their impact on views and the historic resources. These installations are consistent with previous approvals. Further, staff supports combining antenna equipment for multiple carriers which can further reduce visual impacts and encourages GSA to continue to work with providers to continue this effort. Therefore, staff recommends the **Commission approve the preliminary and final site development plans for four new antennas on the rooftop penthouses of the United States Department of Agriculture South Building at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, for a period not to exceed five years.**

Analysis

GSA is proposing four new antennas for the roof of the USDA South Building which will be mounted on the four existing penthouses. GSA also notes each new panel antenna will be positioned in front of an existing penthouse window opening. These windows are painted a dark color that makes them less prominent in their appearance on the penthouse facades. GSA notes that all the existing antennas will also be painted to match this darker color, and therefore will also not be as pronounced. Staff supports this proposal as it is consistent with the previously approved antenna installations.

Staff notes five antennas on the Agriculture South rooftop were approved in November 2016 (NCPC File # 7832) for a period not to exceed five years. If these antennas are to remain in place, staff reminds GSA that they will need to be resubmitted for approval this year to meet the NCPC Antenna Guidelines.

CONFORMANCE TO EXISTING PLANS, POLICIES AND RELATED GUIDANCE

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital

Staff finds this proposal is consistent with the relevant policies contained within the Urban Design Elements of the Comprehensive Plan particularly those pertaining to the placement of rooftop antennas on federal buildings.

National Historic Preservation Act

GSA has a responsibility for the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). GSA determined that the proposed installation of the four rooftop antennas will not adversely affect the historic USDA South Building or adjacent historic resources. The DC State

Historic Preservation Office concurred with this finding on May 15, 2021. Due to its review authority over the project, NCPC has an independent obligation to carry out the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA. NCPC has elected to designate GSA as lead agency pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(2) to satisfy the Commission's Section 106 responsibility.

National Environmental Policy Act

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), GSA submitted a conclusion that the project is a categorical exclusion based on the GSA environmental review standards. Due to its review authority over the project, NCPC has an independent obligation to carry out the requirements of NEPA. Staff finds that this project is in conformance with the NCPC Categorical Exclusion requirements under § 601.12 (a)(5) of the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act Regulation. Staff examination finds the proposed antennas, with their location, design, and completed radio frequency (RF) review, adhere to the Commission's exclusion requirements.

CONSULTATION

Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its August 11, 2021 meeting. The Committee forwarded the preliminary and final design to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. In its comments the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) initially said that they were not contacted and were not coordinating. Upon further discussion with NCPC, SHPO staff determined they were contacted, concurred with GSA's no adverse effect determination and therefore would coordinate. The participating agencies were: NCPC, the DC SHPO (via email); the District Department of Transportation, the District Department of Energy and the Environment, the DC Office of Planning (via email), the National Park Service; the General Services Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

The Commission of Fine Arts considered the proposal at its July 15, 2021 meeting and approved the design on the consent agenda.

ONLINE REFERENCE

The following supporting documents for this project are available online at www.ncpc.gov:

- Submission Package

POWERPOINT (ATTACHED)

Department of Agriculture South Building ExteNet Antenna Project

1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC

Approval of Preliminary and Final Site Development Plans

General Services Administration

Project Summary

Commission Meeting Date: September 2, 2021

NCPC Review Authority: 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

Applicant Request: Approval of Preliminary and Final Site Development Plans

Session: Delegated

NCPC Review Officer: Carlton Hart

NCPC File Number: 8298

Project Summary:

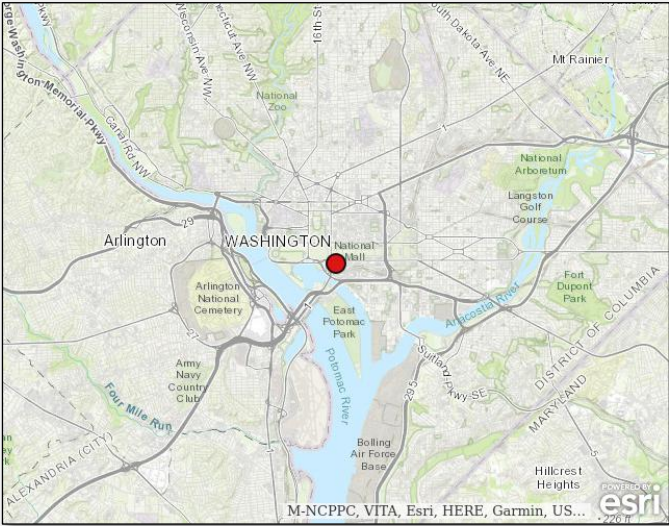
GSA has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for four proposed panel antennas, each measuring 24.75” in height, 12” in width and 5” in depth on the penthouses of the Department of Agriculture South Building at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC. They are to be mounted at similar penthouse windows, using the same attachment method used in the previous approved submissions. The locations for these four antennas are:

- one at the north face of Northeast Penthouse located at 12th Street and Independence Ave, SW
- one at the south face of Southeast Penthouse located at 12th Street and C Street, SW
- one at the west face of the Southwest Penthouse located at 14th Street and C Street, SW
- one at the north face of the Northwest Penthouse at 14th & Independence Avenue, SW

It is anticipated that the proposed antennas will remain for the foreseeable future since they will provide for the latest technological network capabilities. These antennas and the existing antennas will be painted a darker color and placed in front of window openings to minimize visibility from the ground.

There are currently 19 antennas on the roof which have previously been approved by NCPC.

Site Location



Location Map

Existing Antennas

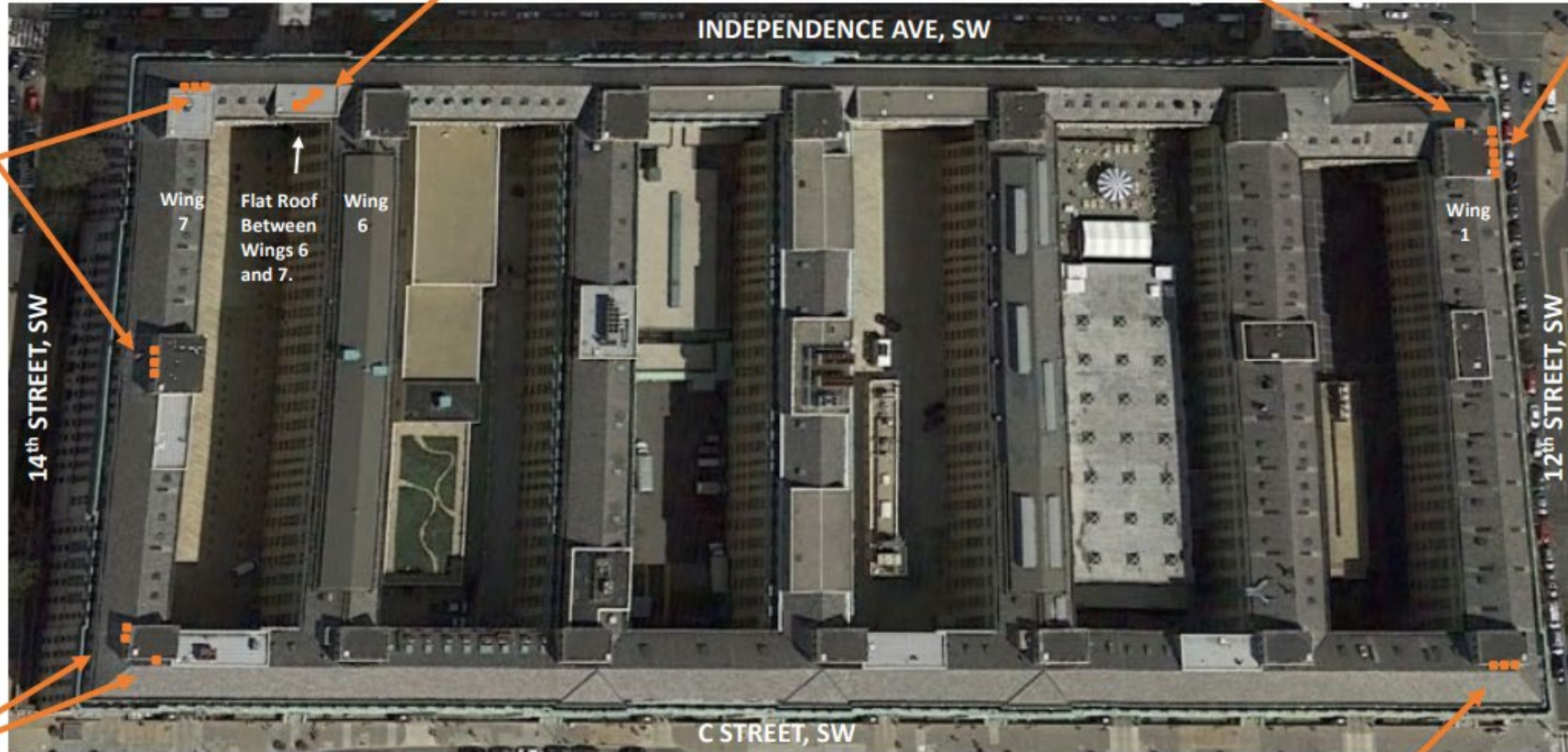
AGRICULTURE SOUTH BUILDING

Existing: Two spherical antennas mounted inside stealth boxes on existing telecommunications platform, and one pole-mounted antenna.

Existing: One panel antenna at the north side of the NE Penthouse

Existing: Five panel antennas at the east side of the NE Penthouse

Existing: Three panel antennas at north side of NW Penthouse and three panel antennas at west side of Center West PH



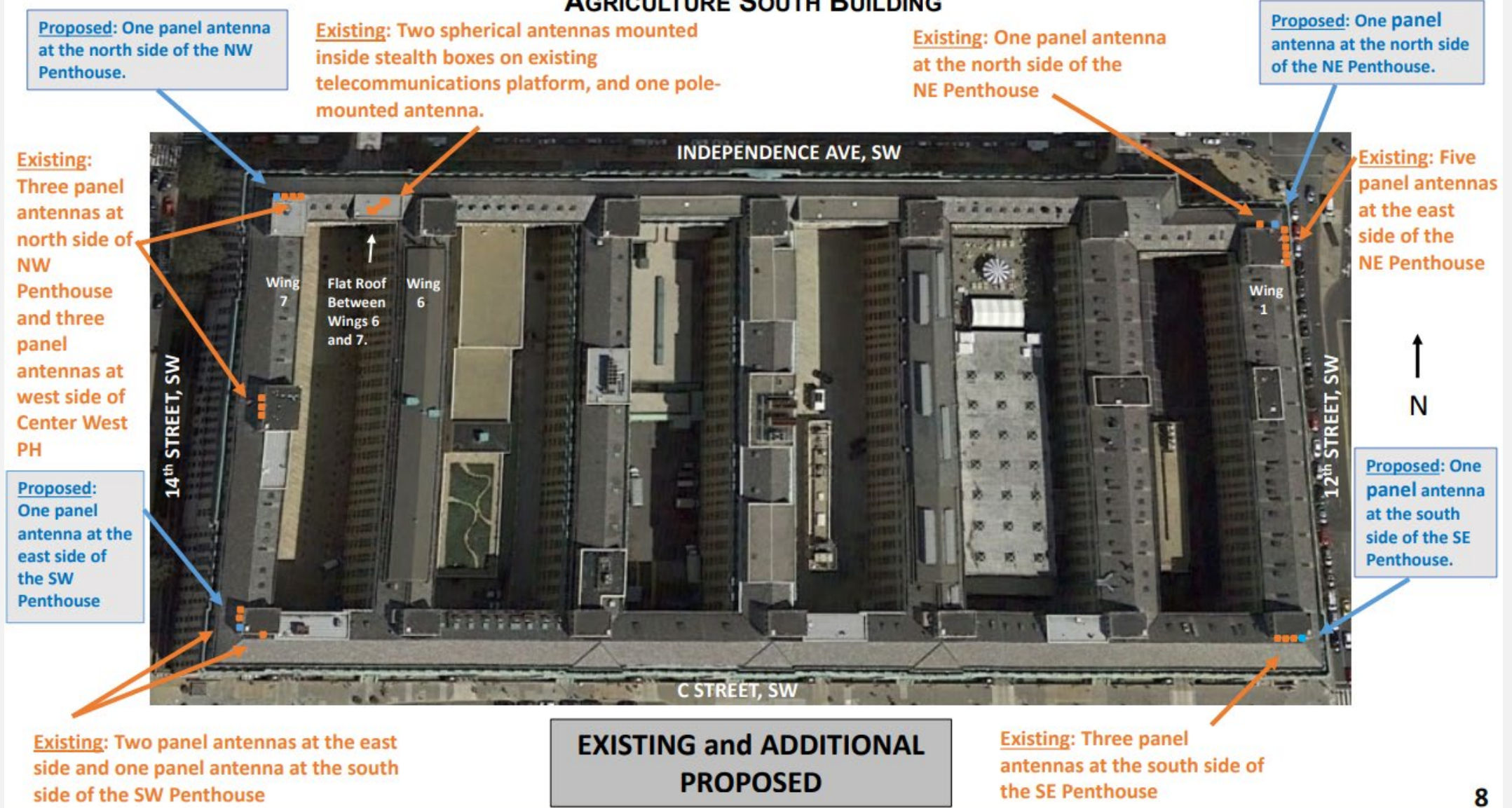
Existing: Two panel antennas at the east side and one panel antenna at the south side of the SW Penthouse

EXISTING

Existing: Three panel antennas at the south side of the SE Penthouse

Existing and Proposed Antennas

AGRICULTURE SOUTH BUILDING



Existing to
Remain



Proposed

Existing to
Remain



VIEW OF NE CORNER
12TH STREET & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE,

PROPOSED ADDED

Proposed Antenna - Northeast



VIEW OF NE CORNER
12TH STREET & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE,

ANTENNAS TO BE PAINTED

Proposed Antenna - Painted



*Note as Shown:

1. Existing Antenna closest to the corner moved to the currently vacant window furthest from the corner of this penthouse.
2. Proposed new antenna to be placed at vacated window closest to the corner.

Existing to
Remain*

*Proposed



VIEW OF SE CORNER
12TH STREET & C STREET, SW

PROPOSED ADDED

Proposed Antenna - Southeast



VIEW OF SE CORNER
12TH STREET & C STREET, SW

ANTENNAS TO BE PAINTED

Proposed Antenna - Painted



Existing to
Remain

Proposed

VIEW OF SW CORNER
14TH STREET & C STREET, SW

PROPOSED ADDED

Proposed Antenna – Southwest





VIEW OF SW CORNER
14TH STREET & C STREET, SW

ANTENNAS TO BE PAINTED

Proposed Antenna - Painted

VIEW OF NW CORNER
14th Street and Independence Ave, SW
FROM NEAR JEFFERSON DRIVE
PROPOSED ADDED

Existing to
Remain

Proposed



Proposed Antenna - Northwest

VIEW OF NW CORNER
14th Street and Independence Ave, SW
FROM NEAR JEFFERSON DRIVE
ANTENNAS TO BE PAINTED



Proposed Antenna - Painted