



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Robert C. Weaver Federal Building</b> <b>Antenna Array Modifications</b> 451 7th Street, SW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8514
	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 24.12(38.30)46233
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States General Services Administration	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approve preliminary and final building plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final building plans on behalf of AT&T for modifications to an existing AT&T telecommunications installation on the roof of the Robert C. Weaver Federal Building located at 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC. This building is the headquarters of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed modifications include the installation of four (4) new antennas, the relocation of four (4) existing antennas on their current sled mounts, and the retention of four (4) existing antennas in place. The antennas will enhance network speed and capacity for the National Mall, surrounding museums, and nearby neighborhoods. According to the applicant, the upgrades will support National Security, Homeland Security, and First Responder communications ahead of major events on the National Mall. AT&T certified compliance with FCC and OSHA regulations.

The proposed modifications generally comply with NCPC's antenna submission guidelines, and do not add new visual impacts due to the reuse of existing antenna mounts. However; as noted in NCPC's 2024 review of antenna modifications on this building, the project could better meet the guidelines' objective of minimizing visual impacts and preserving the architectural character of significant federal buildings. Because the Robert C. Weaver Federal Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and occupies a prominent location within the capital, the visibility of the antenna array remains a concern. Staff requests that within the next two years AT&T coordinate with GSA and NCPC to reevaluate the placement of the array in an attempt to minimize visual impacts, prior to submitting the antennas for re-approval in the future.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the applicant submitted a conclusion that this action qualifies for a categorical exclusion based on GSA's 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 qualifies for a categorical exclusion under § 601.12 (a)(5) of the Commission's NEPA regulations: "Approval of the installation of communication antennae on federal buildings and co-location of communication antennae on federal property consistent with GSA Bulletin FMR D-242, Placement of Commercial Antennas on Federal Property." Staff determined no extraordinary circumstances were present prior to applying the categorical exclusion.

GSA has a responsibility for the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and determined that the proposed antenna and equipment upgrade at the Weaver Federal Building

will have no adverse effect on the subject building or adjacent historic resources. The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) concurred with GSA's findings on May 22, 2026. 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 to satisfy the Commission's Section 106 responsibility.

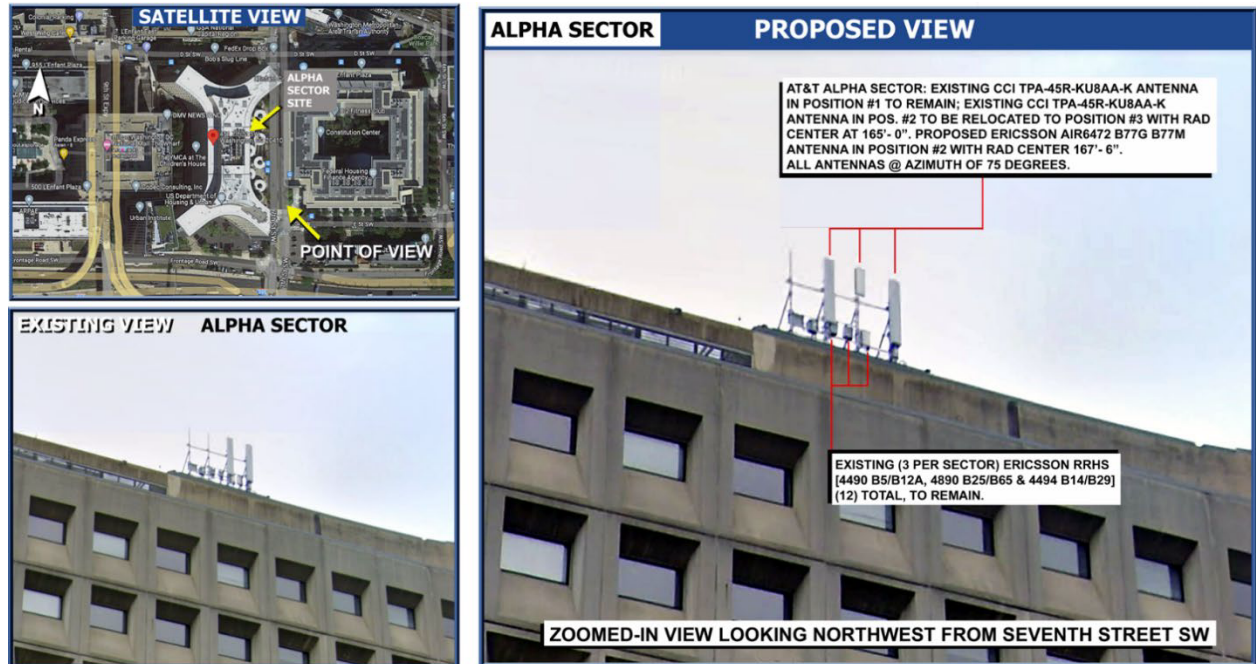


Figure 1 : Views of the Robert C. Weaver Building existing (left) and proposed (right) antenna array, from 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project at their June 17, 2026, meeting. Without objection, the Committee forwarded the proposed preliminary and final building plans to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were: NCPC, GSA, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the National Park Service, the DCSHPO, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the District Department of Energy and Environment, the District Department of Transportation, and the District Office of Planning.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on March 6, 2025, and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final building plans for the building antenna array modification at the Robert C. Weaver Federal Building, located at 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW in Washington, DC for a period not to exceed two (2) years.

Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

July 1, 2026

Date

