



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 11, 2010**

DATE: November 22, 2010

SUBJECT: U-3273-10-1 USE PERMIT for AT&T antennas and equipment cabinet at 399 Old Jefferson Davis Highway (RPC#: 34-023-003)

Applicant:
AT&T Mobility

By:
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7150 Standard Drive
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C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the use permit request for a telecommunication facility at 399 Old Jefferson Davis Highway, subject to the proposed conditions.

ISSUES: This is a request for new antennas and related roof equipment on a Public Storage building and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: AT&T Mobility is requesting approval to place three (3) antennas and an equipment cabinet on the roof of the Public Storage building at 399 Old Jefferson Davis Highway. The site is zoned for industrial uses and there are existing antennas and equipment on the roof. Therefore, visual impact will be minimal. The proposal is consistent with the *Interim Guidelines for Placement of Telecommunications Facilities on County-Owned Property (Telecommunications Guidelines)*, which encourage location of antennas on existing structures. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the use permit request for a telecommunication facility at 399 Old Jefferson Davis Highway, subject to the proposed conditions.

County Manager: *BMD/GA*
Staff: Melanie Jesick, DCPHD, Planning Division
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BACKGROUND: The following provides information about the site:

Site: The site is comprised of a Public Storage building.

To the north:	I-395 and on/off ramps.
To the south:	Long Bridge Park. Further south and west is Roaches Run and Crystal City.
To the east:	The Long Bridge Park site.
To the west:	I-395.

Zoning: The site is zoned “M-1” Light Industrial Districts.

Land Use: The subject site is designated “Service Industry,” Wholesale, storage, and light manufacturing uses, including those related to building construction activity.

Neighborhood: While there is no designated civic association for this area, citizens involved in the Crystal City planning process have been notified. One (1) of those citizens has responded that they have no comments or concerns on the proposal.

DISCUSSION: AT&T Mobility is proposing a total of three (3) antennas and one (1) equipment cabinet on the roof of a Public Storage building located north of Crystal City and south of I-395. The proposed antennas would be mounted at the same centerline as existing antennas on the rooftop and the proposed equipment cabinet would be mounted to an existing platform. The facility will be unmanned and only requires infrequent visits by maintenance personnel.

The Interim Guidelines for Placement of Telecommunications Facilities on County-Owned Property (Telecommunications Guidelines) were used to evaluate the application. The *Telecommunication Guidelines* offer direction in the way of design, visual impact, and compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, among other things. The *Telecommunication Guidelines* can be applied to telecommunication facilities on privately owned as well as County-owned property. The *Telecommunications Guidelines* encourage the location of new antennas on existing structures, as opposed to constructing a new pole. The proposed antennas meet these criteria. Attached are plans depicting the location and general appearance of the proposed antennas and the roof equipment.

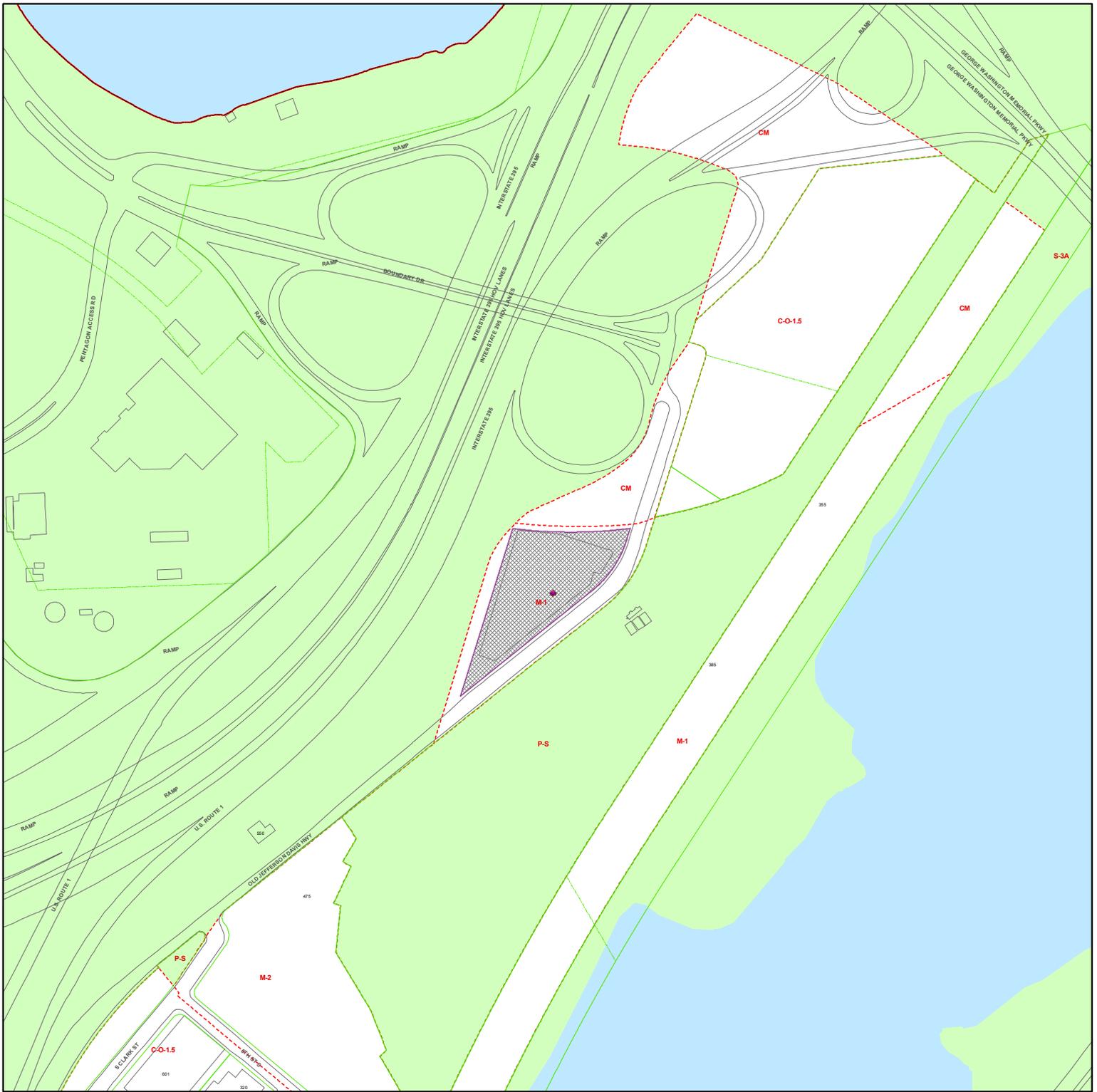
CONCLUSION: Staff concludes the proposed antennas will minimally impact the community, and the facility is in compliance with the County’s *Telecommunication Guidelines*. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the use permit for a telecommunication facility at 399 Old Jefferson Davis Highway, subject to the proposed conditions.

Proposed conditions:

1. The applicant agrees that the telecommunications facility will be constructed as shown on plans dated September 24, 2010 and approved by the County Board on December 11, 2010.

2. The applicant shall identify a community liaison who shall be available to address any concerns regarding the facility operation. The name and telephone number of the liaison shall be provided to Crystal City leaders and the Zoning Administrator.
3. The applicant agrees that the antennas shall be removed within ninety (90) days after any cessation of use.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS: There are no previous County Board actions for this site.



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399 Old Jefferson Davis Hwy

RPC: 34-023-003



 Case Location(s)

Scale: 1:4,000

Note: These maps are for property location assistance only.
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Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development

Planning Division