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AT&T Wireless Telecommunications Facility

4937 Las Virgenes Road (LAC053)

The project located at 4937 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, California 91302 (APN: 2064-001-027), is an existing unmanned, rooftop wireless telecommunications facility. The facility is property of John Kavanagh. AT&T is requesting a Wireless Facility permit for an already approved wireless facility permit. The wireless facility has been in compliance with all development standards.

The site is located in the eastern portion of Calabasas, just south of U.S. route 101. It is zoned CR, Commercial, Retail. The facility is a conditionally permitted use in the CR zone by way of a wireless facility permit. The Surrounding, adjacent uses are (CR) Commercial, Retail to the south, (OS-DR) Open Space- Deed Restricted to the east, and (HM) Hillside Mountainous to the north. The wireless facility falls on the scenic corridor overlay. The wireless facility's is located on parcel that has a general plan designation of B-R, business retail. This facility will not interfere or be incompatible with the land use of the parcel or of the surrounding land uses.

The proposed modification will consist of:

1. Removal of (12) antennas and installation of (12) LTE antennas (3-7' High air, 6-6' hex port, and 3-6' octo port antennas).
2. Installation of (27) LTE remote radio units (RRU).
3. Installation of (5) DC6 surge suppression units.
4. Installation of (2) LTE 6601 equipment, mounted on existing LTE Rack.

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The proposed facility's impact on the surrounding uses will be minimal as the facility is designed to minimize visual impacts by using FRP screening to conceal the antennas. Wireless telecommunication facilities can be seen as being compatible uses in most zones, with no adverse impact to the properties they are located on due to the facilities being silent and concealed, thus not being a disturbance the surrounding area or people in the public right of way. The proposed modification can be beneficial as the enhanced and updated cell coverage can provide stronger infrastructure for important emergency services such as 911 for improved public safety.

This project was originally exempt from CEQA and this current project, being a modification, will not cause any negative impacts to wildlife, plant life, or the environment. The existing wireless rooftop facility conforms to the city of Calabasas development standards by being a screened design; the antenna sectors will be behind an FRP screen wall that is painted to maintain the architectural design of the building, which minimizes visual impacts to public right of way as well to the surrounding area.

AT&T's proposal to modify this facility is meant to accommodate LTE into its network. This modification is necessary to update to current equipment technological standards in order to continue providing up to date service to its customer base and minimize service interruptions. Long-term evolution (LTE) data standard is a modern wireless communication technology that offers a significant data transfer rate to the current standard 3G data service.

Overall, this proposed project meets the design standards set forth by the city in order to integrate into the community, minimize visual impacts, and provide a more reliable service. AT&T wishes to continue to offer its customers reliable, uninterrupted service.

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