

## Memorandum Department of Planning and Public Works

To: Planning and Public Works Committee

From: Kristian Corbin, Project Planner

Date: October 6, 2011



**Re: T.S.P. 31-2011 AT&T (1 McBride and Son Center Drive):** A request to obtain approval for a Telecommunication Facility Siting Permit for a collocation of additional antennas and equipment on an existing high structure in a "C8" Planned Commercial District – zoned property located at 1 McBride and Son Center Drive on the northwest corner of the intersection of Chesterfield Airport Road and McBride and Son Center Drive (17U330167).

## Summary

AT&T has requested an amendment to a telecommunications siting permit to allow for the location of upgraded antennas to facilitate 4G LTE data service on a high structure located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Chesterfield Airport Road and McBride and Son Center Drive.

City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2391, which governs telecommunications and facilities siting, requires that the Planning Commission provide a venue for public hearing for Telecommunications Siting Permits. Please note, the Planning Commission does not provide a recommendation to the City Council, but rather generates a list of issues during the hearing. At the public hearing on September 26, 2011, there were no issues identified with this request.

Attached are copies of the site plan, elevations, boundary plat, and propagation study.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: AT&T 4G LTE Upgrade Packet



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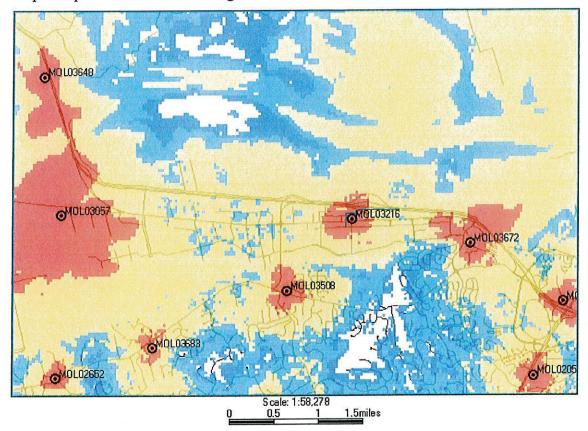
The following is a brief explanation of why AT&T Mobility is proposing to have the current wireless communication facility at 11 McBride and Son Corporate Center Drive modified. This facility is labeled as MOL03216 on Map 1. Currently this facility is only capable of broadcasting our older technologies.

This facility currently is broadcasting our "2G" technology (called GSM) and our "3G" technology (called UMTS). Each technology uses its own antennas and equipment. The modification we are proposing is to add our "4G" technology (called LTE). Perhaps you have seen all the television commercials from various wireless carriers talking about their 4G systems. 4G, short for 4<sup>th</sup> generation of wireless technology, allows wireless carriers to provide much faster data speeds than our current networks. 4G is only for data at this point. All voice calls will still be served on older technologies. Currently AT&T still has the fastest data network. Although as other carriers implement and optimize their 4G networks we expect to lose that advantage and eventually fall behind other carriers unless we also launch our 4G network. The proposed modifications will allow us to implement our 4G technology by using additional antennas and equipment.

Because of national E911 requirements, this site needs to run all technologies. The 4G technology is not capable of handling voice calls at this time and all 911 calls made from a wireless device will be routed through our older technologies. These technologies require that we use a total of 3 antennas for each direction covered. This site, like most of our locations, serves three directions creating a need for 9 antennas. This requires us to add 3 additional antennas for this location.

This plan will have no effect on our coverage for current technologies. Map 1 below shows the proposed coverage for our 4G network in the area. AT&T Mobility has acceptable coverage in most of the surrounding area. Because 4G is a data only service the different signal levels don't indicate whether service exists or not. In general on 4G the stronger the signal (to a point) the faster the data rates will be. It is expected that red, yellow and light blue will have data speeds faster than our 3G technology. The dark blue will likely have data speeds nearly identical to the 3G technology.

Map 1 Proposed AT&T "4G" coverage



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