



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Gail M. Roper
Chief Information Officer/Director

November 6, 2024

MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TFCG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on November 6, 2024. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Marjorie Williams (TFCG Chair), Wayne Anderson (WSSC), Thomas Williamson (DGS), Gerry Adcock (TEBS - Public Safety), Carina Gonzales (MCPS), Benjamin Berbert (MNCPPC), and Seamus McNamara (OMB).

STAFF

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Shawn Thompson (CTC), Julie Elias (CTC), and Heather Elliot (DTS).

OTHER ATTENDEES

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Bahareh Inanloo (DPS).

Action Item: Meeting Minutes October 2, 2024

Motion: Gerry Adcock moved that the October minutes be approved. Wayne Anderson seconded the motion. Ben Berbert and Seamus McNamara abstained, and the motion was otherwise unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Application Number: 2024062282 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 6/25/2024 Revised: 7/16/2024



**Revised:** 8/2/2024  
**Revised:** 10/2/2024  
**Revised:** 10/14/2024  
**Revised:** 10/24/2024

**Applicant:** Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Pepeco 730438-7918/11700 River Rd, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** RE-2 **Property Owner:** SHA Row

**Description:** Crown Castle is removing (1) pole top mounted canister antenna and (1) existing pole mounted equipment cabinet/shroud. Crown is also removing all the existing RRHs and supporting equipment inside the existing cabinet/shroud. Crown will be adding (1) new pole top mounted canister, and (2) new RRHs and (2) twin diplexers inside the new proposed pole mounted cabinet/canister on the utility pole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024062282+Application.pdf>

2. **Application Number:** 2024082308 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 8/8/2024

**Revised:** 8/28/2024  
**Revised:** 9/24/2024  
**Revised:** 9/30/2024  
**Revised:** 10/16/2024

**Applicant:** Smartlink on behalf of AT&T Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** Watkins Mill High School/10301 Apple Ridge Rd, Gaithersburg

**Zoning Standard:** R-200 **Property Owner:** Board of Education

**Description:** AT&T is proposing to remove (3) Antennas, Remove (12) RRHS, Relocate (3) existing Antennas, Install (9) New Antennas and Install (12) New RRHS.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended on condition the applicant provides written approval from MCPS Staff of the attachments at the time of permitting.

Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024082308+Application.pdf>

Seamus McNamara made a motion to recommend the consent agenda. Tom Williamson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

## **Regular Agenda**

1. **Application Number:** 2024042254 **Type:** New **Received (date):** 4/18/2024

**Revised:** 10/28/2024  
**Revised:** 10/29/2024

**Applicant:** Smartlink on behalf of AT&T Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** Well Lane Watertank Temp Tower/11400 Woodglan Dr, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** CR-3.0 C-1.5 R-2.5 H-100 **Property Owner:** WSSC

**Description:** Install 101' self-ballasted monopole and relocate the following existing equipment from the water tank to the proposed temporary monopole: (3) Commscope NNH4-65B-R6, (3) Commscope NNHH-65B-R4, (3) Nokia RRH4T4RB12-14, (3) Nokia RRH4T4RB25/66, (3) Nokia RRH4X25-WCS-4R, and (3) Nokia RRH4T4RB5. All other

cabinets existing in adjacent AT&T shelter.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024042254+Application+and+Report.pdf>

Julie Elias summarized the application.

Wayne Anderson noted that the proposed tower will be placed on the WSSC parcel on the driveway in front of the shelter, which is an ideal situation. Gerry Adcock asked Wayne if the shelter was set back far enough from the water tank, and Wayne confirmed it was.

Gerry Adcock made a motion to recommend application 2024042254. Tom Williamson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

2. ***Application Number:*** 2024082324 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 8/28/2024

***Revised:*** 10/7/2024

***Revised:*** 10/24/2024

***Applicant:*** Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

***Site Name/Location:*** Pepco 787426-890760/9101 2nd Ave, Silver Spring

***Zoning Standard:*** R-60 ***Property Owner:*** Montgomery County

***Description:*** This Application is on behalf of T-Mobile. The Applicant proposes to install (1) strand mounted antenna, (2) RRHs and (2) diplexer filters on a replaced utility pole. Pole to be replaced by Pepco prior to wireless installation.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended on the condition the utility pole has been replaced with a 34' pole prior to the wireless installation. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024082324+Application+and+Report.pdf>

Julie Elias summarized the application. She noted that the support structure for this application is a PEPCO pole that is scheduled to be replaced by PEPCO separate from the scope of work for this application. The proposed wireless installation will be attached to the future pole after it has been replaced. Gerry Adcock noted that conditioning the recommendation made sense. The committee concurred that the language of the condition should be that it is recommended on the condition the utility pole has been replaced with a 34' pole prior to the wireless installation.

Gerry Adcock made a motion to recommend application 2024082324 on the condition as outlined. Seamus McNamara seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

3. ***Application Number:*** 2024092335 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 9/21/2024

***Revised:*** 10/16/2024

***Revised:*** 10/22/2024

***Revised:*** 10/23/2024

***Applicant:*** Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

***Site Name/Location:*** Pepco 816446-210920/13201 Bellevue St, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard: R-90 Property Owner: Montgomery County**

**Description: Install a strand mounted small cell on an existing 43'10" wood utility pole, with a RAD of 21'5", and consisting of One (1) Ericsson 6523 antenna; one (1) Ericsson 6525 antenna; one (1) Ericsson 4435 radio unit; two (2) 4402 Radio units; two (2) diplexers; and one (1) antenna mount bracket.**

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.**

**<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024092335+Application+and+Report.pdf>**

Julie Elias summarized the application. Tom Williamson asked if Verizon has the right to be in the right of way. Bahareh Inanloo confirmed that this is Montgomery County right of way, but that she was not clear on if Verizon had permission to be in the right of way. Margie Williams noted that she would check with DPS to confirm they have the right to be there and will report back to the committee members. She mentioned that utility owners, which she believes Verizon would be considered one, have the right to be in the right of way.

Gerry Adcock made a motion to recommend application 2024092335. Carina Gonzales seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

4. ***Application Number:*** 2024102345 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 10/1/2024

***Revised:*** 10/16/2024

**Applicant:** Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Pepco 792424-770500/919 Spring St, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** CR3.0 C3.0 R3.0 H-150 **Property Owner:** Montgomery County

**Description:** Crown Castle on behalf of T-Mobile is adding (1) Ericsson 6523, (1) Ericsson 6525 antenna, (2) diplexer filters and (3) RRHs (2) 4402 radios and (1) 4435 radio on an existing utility pole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

**<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2024102345+Application+and+Report.pdf>**

Julie Elias summarized the application.

Wayne Anderson made a motion to recommend application 2024102345. Seamus McNamara seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024, at 2 p.m.