

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the City of Long Beach Wireless Telecom Facilities Municipal Code Amendment

This serves as the City of Long Beach's (City) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the City of Long Beach Wireless Telecom Facilities Municipal Code Amendment, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Long Beach Wireless Telecom Facilities Municipal Code Amendment
Application No. 1712-01

Project Location: Citywide, City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, California.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The project, which includes a Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA17-014) and Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA17-008), only involves the City's regulation of wireless telecommunications facilities in the public right-of-way and does not change or affect regulations for wireless facilities on non-right-of-way property, public or private. The proposed Code Amendment would remove the regulations for wireless telecommunications sites in the public right-of-way from Section 21.56.130 in Title 21 (Zoning) of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) and establish revised regulations in LBMC Title 15 (Public Utilities), under a new Chapter 15.34 – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Public Rights of Way. Administration of these regulations and the permitting process would transfer from the Development Services Department to the Public Works Department. The revised regulations would change the permitting process for wireless sites in the right-of-way from a quasi-discretionary administrative permitting process to a ministerial permitting process in most cases. Currently, under LBMC Section 21.56.130, an application for a wireless site in the right-of-way is subject to an "administrative review" to determine compliance with the City's zoning regulations. Under this Code Amendment, the permitting process for wireless sites in the right-of-way would become a by-right/ministerial process carried out by the Public Works Department in most cases. In cases involving a wireless facility is proposal in a "protected location," the Public Works Department approval or denial would be appealable to the City Council. The development standards for wireless sites in the right-of-way would become slightly more restrictive under this Amendment than current standards under LBMC Section 21.56.130, primarily addressing aesthetics and protection of the public right-of-way for pedestrian/cyclist circulation and safety.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the project would not have any potential significant adverse environmental impacts. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802;
- Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California 90802; and
- City of Long Beach website at:
http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

Public Review Period: *Begins – December 21, 2017* *Ends – January 22, 2018*

For questions regarding the Negative Declaration contact:

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In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. **Please submit your written comments to Craig Chalfant, City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802.**