



# Sustainability and Transportation Committee Report

**Date:** September 25, 2014  
**To:** Sustainability and Transportation Committee  
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**Subject:** Recommending a wireless antenna license for Verizon Wireless

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

It is requested that the Sustainability and Transportation Committee review and recommend a wireless antenna license for Verizon Wireless for an initial five year term with an automatic five year renewal

## Background & Discussion

Verizon Wireless (Verizon) is requesting to install, operate, and maintain wireless service facilities on City owned streetlights in the City's rights-of-way and public utility easements. A cabinet will need to be placed to support the antennas. Verizon agreed to provide metal screening and landscaping to screen each cabinet as directed by the City.

The City currently does not have an adopted wireless service facilities rate structure to install wireless facilities on City assets. A proposed rate structure will be similar to fees in Tempe, Phoenix, and Scottsdale. The proposed rate structure will be based on the volume (cubic feet) of equipment placed in City's rights-of-way and public utility easements and if the facilities are concealed or not. The minimum rate is \$4,200 annually and the maximum rate is \$20,500 annually depending on the specific site.

The duration and number of additional renewal terms is subject to further negotiations. The combined term is at least ten years.

Staff will work with Verizon to ensure that all proposed terms of the license will be adhered to before issuing a permit to work within City rights-of-way and easements.



**Alternatives**

The Committee could determine to approve and forward staff's recommendation to Council for consideration; consider different licensing terms, or deny the license.

**Fiscal Impact**

The City incurs no financial outlay as a result of authorizing this agreement, except for staff time required to negotiating the terms of the license.

**Coordinated With**

City Attorney's Office  
Development and Sustainability Department  
Engineering Department  
Information Technology Department