

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 21, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Deployment Update of Small Cell Network Nodes**

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, Robert Perez, Interim Director of the Department of Public Works, will brief the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council on the deployment of small cell network nodes. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Assistant City Manager

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City Council Briefing  
January 2, 2019

Robert M. Perez, Interim Director  
Department of Public Works  
City of Dallas



# Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Operational Impacts
- Next Steps



# Background/History

- What is a Small Cell Network Node?
  - Equipment at fixed locations that enables wireless communication between user equipment and a communications network
  - Small Cells Nodes are used to increase wireless coverage or network capacity
  - Support both 4G and 5G deployments
- Entities currently deploying small cell equipment in Dallas include AT&T, Verizon, Crown Castle, Sprint, Extenet, and T-Mobile

# Background/History

- Texas State Senate Bill (SB) 1004 became effective September 1, 2017
  - Regulated Texas cities on:
    - Fees to providers for access to right of way
    - Timelines for review and approval of applications for small cell equipment in the right of way
    - Set restrictions on what municipalities may require

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# Operational Impacts

- As a result of SB 1004, City staff developed a “Small Cell Design Manual” which became effective on September 1, 2017
- Processes to review, install, and invoice for small cell equipment spans multiple departments
  - Developed a core review team to streamline deployment
  - Permitting process inclusive of Oncor

# Operational Impacts

- As of November 30, 2018, COD approved 551 applications for small cell sites

Applicant	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Under Review	Applications Incomplete	Applications Denied
AT&T Mobility	354	253	24	75	2
Crown Castle NG LLC	70	40	28	2	0
ExteNet Systems, Inc	135	114	3	18	0
Mobilitie, LLC	129	100	0	29	0
T-Mobile	2	1	0	1	0
Verizon Wireless	88	43	25	20	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2</b>

# Operational Impacts

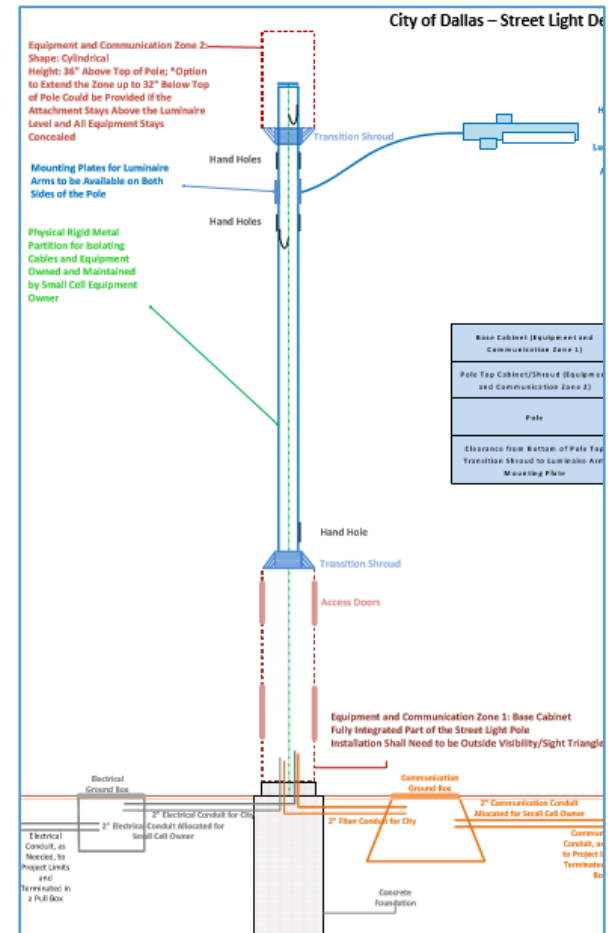
- Majority of approved deployments have been on utility poles
  - 486 on utility poles
  - 65 stand alone poles
- Initial approvals for stand alone poles per Design Manual (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)
- Challenge with deployment in Historic Districts





# Operational Impacts

- New Initiatives
  - LED Street Light Pole
    - “Smart pole”
    - Replace existing/install new LED light poles
    - Encases all small cell equipment
    - Capable of adding cameras



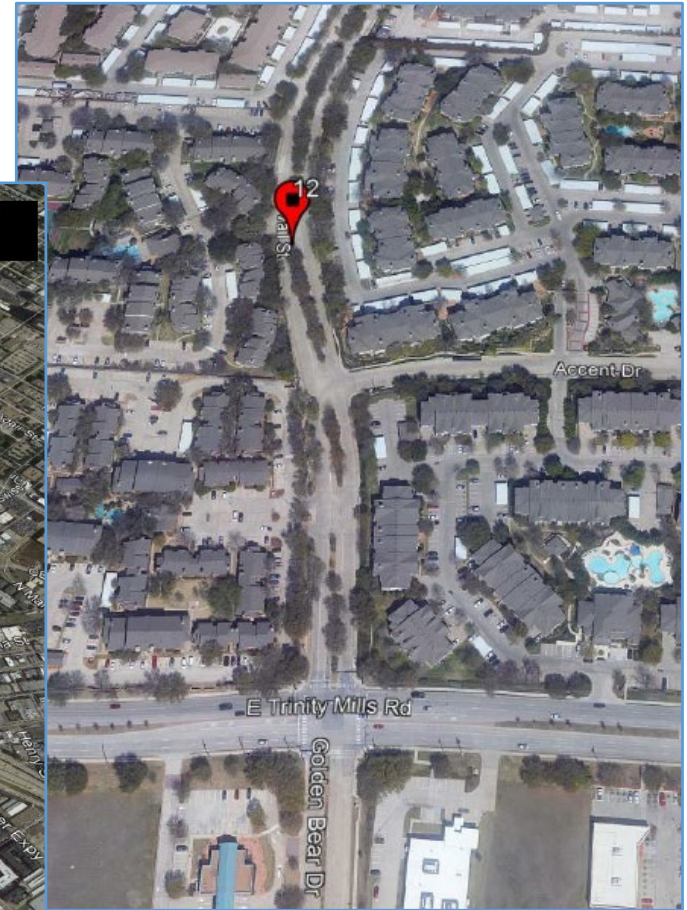
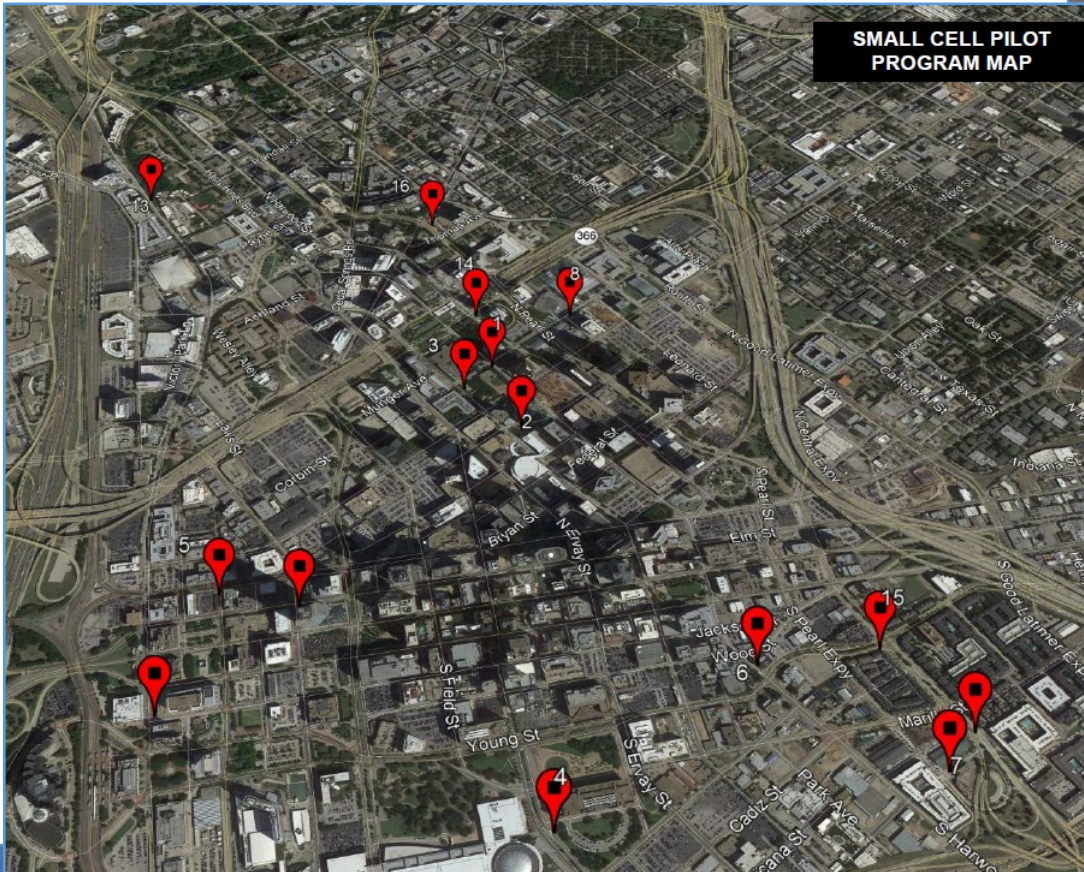
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## Examples of Smart Pole Pilots



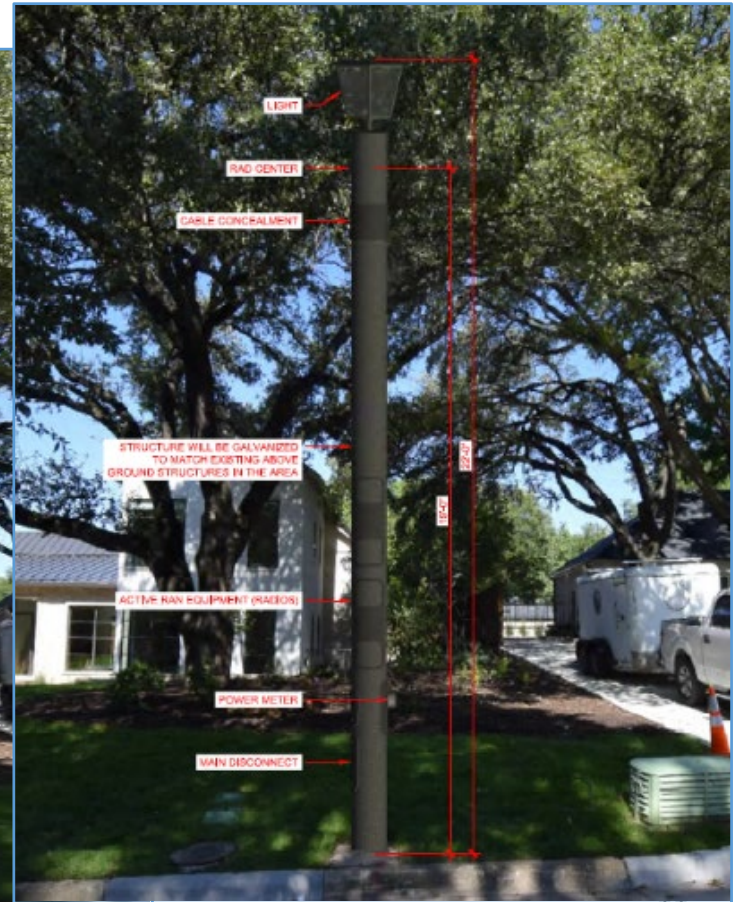
# Operational Impacts

## Locations of Smart Pole Pilots



# Operational Impacts

- Residential Smart Pole Pilots  
*(photo simulation)*



# Operational Impacts

- New Initiatives
  - Micro Trenching Technology
    - Shallow and narrow trench which allows for less-intrusive deployment
    - Can complete about 500 ft. per day



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# Next Steps

- Continue monitoring pilot program initiatives
- Work with Transportation and providers to put a citywide emphasis on “smart poles”
- Work with Parks Department to deploy “smart poles” in Parks ROW
  - Safety benefits include lighting, increased cellular/data coverage, and addition of potential cameras

# Next Steps

- Continue participation in challenges to unlawful attempts by the FCC to regulate use and compensation of Local ROW
- Continue participation in challenge to SB 1004 fees

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