## Memorandum



DATE November 2, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

## **SUBJECT Small Cell Deployment Update**

On October 22, 2018, staff provided the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability (MSIS) Committee with an update of the small cell deployment within the City of Dallas. Small cell equipment is used to increase wireless coverage or network capacity within specific areas. Entities currently deploying small cell technology in Dallas include AT&T, Verizon, Crown Castle, Sprint, Extenet, and T-Mobile. Staff informed the MSIS Committee that as of September 30, 2018, utilizing a combination of Oncor utility poles and new stand-alone poles, 464 small cell locations had been approved across Dallas.

As part of the small cell deployment, staff also informed the MSIS Committee that a new "smart" light pole is being piloted for installation in 16 locations in the City. The "smart" light pole is a newly designed LED street light that encompasses small cell equipment within the pole. As a result of the equipment being within the pole, the base of the pole is wider (up to 18") but tapers down to 8" around the 10' mark (design and photo simulations attached). The "smart" light pole has been approved by the Landmark Commission for deployment in Historic Districts and staff is evaluating its use within residential areas.

After a number of questions about the "smart" light pole, the MSIS Committee requested the locations that the "smart" light pole would be deployed. In response to the Committee's request, two maps of the pilot locations are attached.

Moving forward, staff is meeting with members of the MSIS Committee to discuss additional details regarding small cell deployment and plans to brief the MSIS Committee again in the next few months to provide updates of the "smart" light pole pilot. Staff will also update the Mayor and other Council Members in the coming weeks.

Should there be any questions or need for clarification, please let me know.

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[Attachments]

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## "Smart" Light Pole Photo Simulations

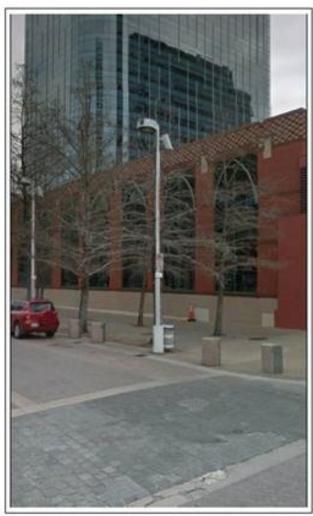


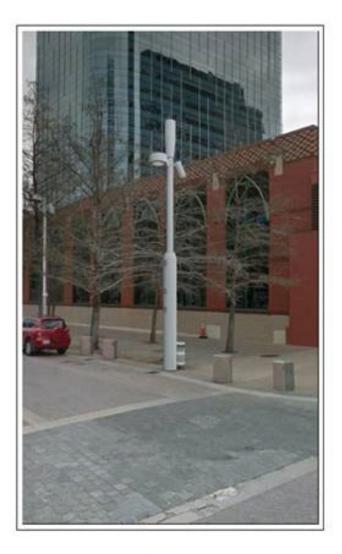


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