



2023 Master License Agreement for Outdoor Distributed Antenna Systems

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to approve a new form Master License Agreement (2023 MLA) to establish the terms and conditions by which telecommunication companies may apply to install antennae and other equipment (called Outdoor Distributed Antenna Systems or ODAS) on SFMTA poles; to approve 2023 MLAs with the following individual telecommunication companies: AT&T, Verizon, Extenet, Mobilitie, and Crown Castle; and to delegate authority to the Director of Transportation to approve specific pole licenses under these approved 2023 MLAs.

Approval of the 2023 Master License Agreement and specific license agreements with individual telecommunications companies would establish the terms and conditions by which telecommunication companies may apply to install ODAS on SFMTA poles. Approval would not commit the SFMTA to authorize the installation of ODAS on any specific poles. The Director of Transportation’s approval of individual Pole License agreements would not occur until the Agency has reviewed the proposed installations following established protocols, objective design standards, and best practices, which may require additional public review, review by City decision-makers, and/or environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Therefore, the approval of the form 2023 MLA and execution of the 2023 MLAs would not be considered projects as defined under CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15378(b).

Not a “project” under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b) because the action would not result in a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment.

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