

### **COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

# FRANCHISE – WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES T-MOBILE WEST, LLC

Pursuant to chapter 36.55.010 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Section 9.20 Snohomish County Charter, and Title 13 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC), T-Mobile West, LLC has applied to Snohomish County (the "County") for a franchise to install, operate and maintain wireless telecommunications facilities and uses incidental thereto in the public rights-of-way in unincorporated Snohomish County, and for no other purpose or use whatsoever. Chapter 36.55 RCW and Snohomish County Charter Section 9.20 authorize the county to grant franchises for use of county public rights-of-way. Snohomish County's franchise procedure is contained in chapter 13.80 SCC. The requirements for this Engineer's report are described in SCC 13.80.040.

#### **FINDINGS**

## 1. Applicant

T-Mobile West, LLC, hereafter referred to as "T-Mobile", a Delaware corporation, is a wireless telecommunications company doing business in Washington State and licensed by the FCC. T-Mobile USA and the Sprint Corporation merged on April 29, 2018 and as such this franchise is for the continued operation, maintenance, and construction of new T-Mobile facilities and those previously franchised under Sprint Spectrum LP. Sprint Spectrum LP was previously granted a wireless telecommunications franchise by Snohomish County via Ordinance 01-069.

## 2. Description of Facilities

T-Mobile's services are wireless voice, data, and communication services, including commercial radio services and commercial mobile data services, as defined by federal laws and regulations. T-Mobile's wireless facilities consist of antennas, radio boxes, cabling, and appurtenant equipment and connections. T-Mobile facilities are connected to power and also to fiber owned by another entity. It is anticipated that the wireless facilities will be attached to existing and replacement utility/light poles in the public road right-of-way. New poles are only proposed when there are no suitable poles available for attachments, subject to the County's approval. Any and all work related to its facilities shall be performed in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations (including, but not limited to, the County's comprehensive plan, zoning code, and other development regulations) as more fully described within the proposed franchise and Section 6 of this report.

#### 3. Insurance

T-Mobile has agreed to provide proof of insurance in accordance with SCC 13.10.100 and Section 18 of the franchise. The Risk Management Division has reviewed and approved the insurance requirements contained in the Section 18. In accordance with Section 32 of the franchise, the franchise shall not take effect until T-Mobile provides evidence of insurance acceptable to the Risk Management Division.

## 4. Description of County Rights-of-Way Covered by the Proposed Franchise

The proposed franchise includes all county rights-of-way located in unincorporated Snohomish County as shown in Exhibit A.

#### 5. Term of Franchise

The initial term of the franchise shall be for a period of ten (10) years (the "Initial Term"), beginning on the Effective Date as that term is defined in Section 33 of the franchise, and continuing until the date that is one day prior to the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Initial Term Expiration Date"), unless earlier terminated, revoked or modified pursuant to the provisions of the franchise. The franchise automatically renews for an additional term of ten (10) years (the "Extended Term," and, together with the Initial Term, the "Term"), subject to the county's right to renegotiate or unilaterally unilaterally terminate at any time after the Initial Term Expiration Date, as more fully described in Section 3.3 of the franchise.

#### 6. Terms and Conditions of Franchise

Under the franchise, T-Mobile will:

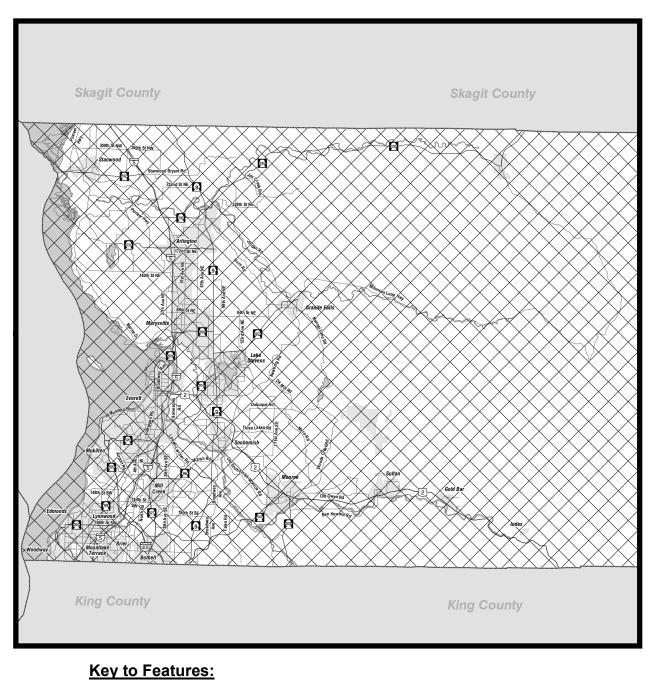
- Comply with the requirements of State law, County Charter, Title 13 SCC, the Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS), the county's Utility Accommodation Policy, and all right-of-way use permit application, review and construction standards.
- Promptly, at its sole cost and expense, relocate or remove its facilities from county rightsof-way when the County Engineer determines it to be necessary due to: (i) traffic
  conditions; (ii) public safety; (iii) dedications of new public rights-of-way and the
  establishment and/or improvement thereof; (iv) widening and/or improvement of existing
  public rights-of-way;(v) vacations of public rights-of-way; (vi) freeway construction; (vii)
  change or establishment of road grade; or (viii) the construction of any public improvement
  or structure by any governmental agency acting in a governmental capacity.
- Not in any event abandon in place all or a portion of their facilities without the express written consent of the county as more fully described in Section 14 of the franchise.
- Compensate the county for its administrative expenses in preparing the franchise.
- Indemnify, defend and hold harmless any County Party from any and all claims, demands, liability, suits, and judgments, including costs of defense thereof, for bodily injury to persons, death, or property damage arising out of its use of Public rights-of-way pursuant to the franchise except to the extent caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of any County Party as more fully described in Section 16 of the franchise.
- Provide the county with adequate insurance appropriate for a wireless telecommunications system franchise as specified in Section 18 of the franchise.

- Post a security device sufficient to ensure performance of its obligations when required by the County Engineer.
- Not assign any franchise rights or obligations without prior written consent of the county as more fully described in Section 22 of the franchise.
- Comply with Title VI Assurances and Non-Discrimination provisions as included in Section 29 of the franchise.

## **COUNTY ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above findings, the Department of Public Works recommends the County Council grant a right-of-way franchise to T-Mobile West, LLC. under the terms and conditions of County Charter, County Code and the ordinance granting a franchise.

Prepared by on date:	Approved by on date:
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## Exhibit A. T-Mobile West, LLC Proposed Franchise Areas

(The proposed franchise applies exclusively to county rights-of-way located in the portions of unincorporated Snohomish County depicted above.)