



**PORT OF OAKLAND**

# MEMO

**BY:** Joe Marsh, Port Permit Coordinator  
**DATE:** October 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT: PORT PERMIT COORDINATOR DECISION  
for Work on Private Property**

The Port of Oakland (Port) Permits Section staff and Environmental Programs and Planning staff have reviewed the subject Port Development Permit Application. We find the proposal meets the applicable standards of the "Port of Oakland Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) for the Oakland Airport Business Park." Detailed analysis and findings are set forth below.

Port Permit No: 5330  
Permit Applicant: Danielle Hufford  
Tenant: AT&T Mobility  
Property Owner: Lighting Ventures, LP  
Project Location: 100 Swan Way, Oakland  
APN: 042-4420-011-02  
Valuation: \$250,000  
Environ. Assessment: Categorically Exempt

## **Project Description**

The project site is located in the southwestern portion of the City of Oakland (City), in the vicinity of Oakland International Airport and Interstate 880 (I-880). The address of the proposed project is 100 Swan Way, Oakland, CA. The site is at the corner of Swan Way and Pardee Drive.

The Project Applicant proposes to construct a new unmanned telecommunications facility at the site. They will lease a 24 x 41-foot area at the south rear corner of the site. The leased area will be enclosed by a slatted chain link fence, 8 feet tall with barbed wire strands on top (not to exceed 10 feet total height.) The installation consists of an 88-foot-tall faux tree pole antenna, equipment shelter and back-up generator. The back-up generator is enclosed by a 7-foot-high concrete block wall at the rear property line, approximately 10x17 feet with no roof. The CMU wall serves as the fence for this section of the rear property line. An 8x8 foot equipment shelter is located to the north of the back-up generator. The tree pole antenna is located to the west of the equipment at the corner of the site.

## **Surrounding Area**

The project site is located within the Oakland Airport Business Park, Business Park Interior. The site has an existing 2-story office building which will remain at the site. The project site is also within the Coliseum/Hegenberger Planning District of the Coliseum Area Redevelopment

Project Area established by the City of Oakland in 1995 and expanded to a total of 6,764 acres in 1997. The Applicant site and the adjacent site on Swan Way have office buildings. Other sites in the vicinity have warehouse and distribution facilities.

### **Land Use Analysis (from LUDC Section 2)**

The project site is located within the “Port Area” of the City of Oakland, and within the Commercial Corridor of the Oakland Airport Business Park, originally established by Port Ordinance No.1343 by the Board of Port Commissioners in 1966. Development in the Oakland Airport Business Park is currently regulated by the “Port of Oakland Land Use and Development Code (LUDC)”, adopted by the Board of Port Commissioners in June 2011, and revised in April 2016. The project is to install a free-standing antenna in compliance with all FCC regulations. Per LUDC Section 2.3.J., Telecommunications facilities meeting the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are permitted anywhere in the Oakland Airport Business Park if they meet the design standards in Section 4.3. The design conforms to the LUDC design standards including part E. The Applicant will be required to submit evidence of FCC compliance prior to construction. Communications facilities are allowed and encouraged throughout this area to provide adequate communication services for businesses in the area.

### **Findings (from LUDC Section 5.5)**

The Port approves this application for a Development Permit, as submitted, with the following findings:

1. The proposed project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons working, visiting, transiting through the Oakland Airport Business Park or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements of the adjacent properties, the surrounding area or neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the City of Oakland's General Plan.
3. The proposed project complies with provisions of the LUDC.
4. The proposed project has been adequately evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), see below for further details.
5. The proposed project has been approved, or has a reasonable chance of being approved, by all outside agencies having jurisdiction over the project, including, but not limited to: the City of Oakland, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission, Alameda County Public Health Department, and the California State Lands Commission.
6. The proposed project will neither interfere with the operations of Oakland International Airport nor enable the establishment of uses that may be incompatible with the potential imposition of noise, light, smoke, air currents, electronic or other emissions, vibrations, discomfort, and/or inconvenience resulting from airport operations at Oakland International Airport.
7. The Port has attached such conditions to issuance of the Development Permit as it deems reasonable or necessary to achieve the purposes of the LUDC, to reduce or to mitigate environmental impacts, and to address the project's

anticipated burden on the Business Park and the Port, and which conditions otherwise promote the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.

### **Environmental Findings**

The Port is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), having land use jurisdiction over the Oakland Airport Business Park. The project boundaries are located in a developed area, and improvements will be made to an existing facility. The Port finds that this project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, which exempts the construction of new small structures or conversion of small structures as well as associated minor utility extensions.

### **Permit Conditions**

1. All conditions of approval shall be printed on the final permit set of plans.
2. The project shall conform to Port-stamped approved plans, including the conditions of approval, unless otherwise approved by the Port. The applicant is responsible for including all details agreed upon, or conditions made by the Port, during the approval process. Failure to include any such details will not exempt the applicant from the Port for any changes prior to construction.
3. The use shall be fully described on the plans and is deemed approved by the Port approval stamp. Any modifications or clarifications will be included in the Specific Conditions. Any changes from the approved plans must be approved in writing by the Port.
4. The Project Applicant shall obtain, at the Project Applicant's expense, all City of Oakland building permits required for the Project.
5. The Project Applicant shall obtain, at the Project Applicant's expense, all permits from other agencies having jurisdiction for the Project, including but not limited to the FAA (for height), FCC (for signal transmission), and BAAQMD (for generator).
6. The Project Applicant and the Project Applicant's contractor shall construct the Project according to the plans approved under Port, City and other agency permits. Modifications made to comply with City of Oakland permit requirements shall be subject to verification of compliance with Port permit conditions prior to the start of construction.
7. The Project Applicant shall maintain the Project site in a clean and orderly condition during the entire term of the Development Permit. If there is a work stoppage at any time after construction has commenced for a period of more than 30 days, the Project Applicant shall secure any completed or uncompleted work and remove or screen any stored materials. The Chief Operating Officer of the Port may provide a 30-day notice and order to the Project Applicant to comply with this condition. If the Project Applicant fails to comply during that time period, or fails to present and implement an acceptable plan for compliance, the Port maintains the right at Port's discretion, to complete the necessary work and bill the Project Applicant for all related costs, or impose reasonable fines for violation of this condition of approval and/or the Port Chief Operating Officer's order. Any such fine shall be reasonably related to the nature of the violation and/or the cost to correct.

8. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Project Applicant shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Port and its respective officers, agents and employees (whether the action is on behalf of the Port, or otherwise) (the "Indemnified Parties") against any and all liability, damages, claims, demands, judgments or other losses (including, without limitation, attorneys fees, expert witness and consultant fees and other litigation expenses), referendum or initiative relating to, resulting from or caused by, or alleged to have resulted from, or caused by, any action or approval associated with the Project. This indemnity includes, without limitation, any legal or administrative challenge, referendum or initiative filed or prosecuted to overturn, set aside, stay or otherwise rescind any or all approvals granted in connection with the Project, any environmental determination made for the Project, and granting any permit issued in accordance with the Project. This indemnity includes, without limitation, payment of all direct and indirect costs associated with any action specified herein. Direct and indirect costs as used herein shall include, without limitation, any attorney's fees, expert witness and consultant fees, court costs and other litigation fees, Port Attorney time and overhead costs, and other Port Staff overhead costs and normal day-to-day business expenses incurred by the Port ("Litigation Expenses"). The Indemnified Parties shall have the right to select counsel to represent the Indemnified Parties, at the Project Applicant's expense, in the defense of any action specified in this condition of approval. The Indemnified Parties shall take all reasonable steps to promptly notify the Project Applicant of any claim, demand, or legal actions that may create a claim for indemnification under these conditions of approval.
9. The Project Applicant shall agree to comply with any other conditions added by the Permit Hearing Officer as well as any other conditions listed in the LUDC not otherwise listed here.

**RECOMMENDED:**

Environmental Programs  
and Planning:



Colleen Liang (Oct 8, 2021 07:55 PDT)

Colleen Liang, Port Environmental Supervisor

Date: Oct 8, 2021

**DECISION:**

Port Permit Coordinator:  Approve  Deny

Signature: Joe Marsh Date: Oct 8, 2021  
Joe Marsh, Port Permit Coordinator

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Project Design Drawings