



NOTICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING ON MAY 15

Project Name: Public Safety Towers Wireless Communications Facility

Project Address: Rio Americano High School - 4540 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an informational meeting hosted by the San Juan Unified School District, the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA), and Public Safety Towers, LLC (PSTC) to discuss the proposed installation of a FirstNet/AT&T public safety communication structure on the campus of Rio Americano High School. There is a gap in wireless coverage surrounding the high school. This vital project would bring FirstNet <https://www.firstnet.gov/> coverage to the area and enhance the public's access to wireless communication services.

The proposed FirstNet/AT&T public safety communications structure consists of a new 90-foot-tall monopole wireless communications tower and supporting equipment, including a shelter and backup generator. The ground lease area covers approximately 1500 square feet, with approximate dimensions of 60'x26', to be located in the southwestern quadrant of the property adjacent to the Cafeteria/Kitchen Building. See Exhibit 1 for a photo simulation of the proposed project.

PSTC was formed to improve communications for public safety and, by extension, the constituents they serve. Today's public safety operations require robust communications networks supporting voice and data. Wireless coverage enhancements will improve communications in some of the following ways.

- Allow the public to reach public safety via 911.
- Enable the public and emergency dispatchers to provide pre-arrival intelligence to emergency responders and route calls to the nearest response personnel to respond promptly to the public's needs.
- During emergencies, notify residents and coordinate evacuation plans for the public and other emergency response agencies (e.g., public works, animal control, outside agencies offering mutual aid).
- Send and receive records, maps, fire modeling information, and mission-critical data that assist emergency responders to make better decisions during an incident.
- Standard day-to-day communications.

FirstNet is the National Public Safety Broadband Network created by Congress in 2012 following the 9/11 Commission recommendations and operates under the Department of Commerce. All FirstNet facilities, including the one proposed at this location, will be equipped with FirstNet bandwidth, enhancing voice and data coverage for police, fire, emergency medical services, and schools. Additionally, the facility will provide coverage to AT&T customers. In the event of an incident, emergency communications take priority, and the bandwidth will be reallocated to ensure stable emergency communications.



JOIN THE MEETING: This meeting will be conducted via Zoom on Thursday, May 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. Visit www.sanjuan.edu/riovirtualmeeting on May 15 for the Zoom link. The WFCAs will provide information on the project, encourage public comments, and answer questions. The WFCAs will share all feedback from the meeting with relevant public officials.

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to Margie Pauley, Site Acquisition Manager for Public Safety Towers (206-719-7145/m.pauley@pstctowers.com).

Thank you.

EXHIBIT 1







EXHIBIT 2



CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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California Fire Chiefs Association Resolution

The California Fire Chiefs Association hereby supports expanding the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (Firstnet) dedicated to first responders.

WHEREAS: over 81% of all calls to 911 are via cellular phones, and

WHEREAS: the people we are sworn to serve benefit from improved and reliable cellular coverage during an emergency, and

WHEREAS: Public Safety responders use cellular networks to communicate with the community important actions such as evacuation notifications, amber alerts, road blockages/closures, and community safety messages, and

WHEREAS: during emergencies, the community provides responders with valuable and necessary scene intelligence, and

WHEREAS: during EMS events, lifesaving instructions are relayed to citizen bystanders while responders are enroute, and

WHEREAS: the real-time location of responders aids in situational awareness and inter-discipline effectiveness, and

WHEREAS: the United States has deployed a nationwide public safety cellular (broadband) LTE network known as the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) with their partner ATT/FirstNet (broadband) network to exclusively serve public safety responders known as FirstNet, and

WHEREAS: deployment of FirstNet wireless terrestrial coverage also provides ATT commercial/consumer services, and

WHEREAS: FirstNet, the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network built with AT&T is the only official public safety network, and

WHEREAS: all 56 States, Territories and Commonwealths have officially opted into the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: For purposes of land use planning, zoning and related conditions, the California Fire Chiefs Association (CalChiefs) requests that FirstNet infrastructure shall be recognized as public safety infrastructure.

Adopted by the Board of Directors this 5th Day of April, 2022

President Ray Gayk

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"To strengthen and advocate for the California Fire Service through leadership, unity and collaboration."