



# CITY OF SOUTH BEND

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Aesthetic Requirements for Small Cell Infrastructure Installations

All light fixtures and utility poles installed in conjunction with small cell wireless facility equipment within the City of South Bend (City) shall be reviewed and approved by the Engineering Division of Public Works prior to installation. This includes approval of wireless facility equipment, appurtenances, accessories, etc., installed on City owned street lights, as well as privately owned street lights or utility poles located within public right-of-way.

A small cell wireless facility permit shall be required for installations within the public right-of-way, and collocation agreements are required for each small cell wireless facility proposed on City owned infrastructure. When a permit application is received, the City shall work with the applicant to provide information on the type of pole, fixture, mounting, and base desired for requested location(s).

Small cell wireless structures proposed on existing street lights and poles should match the color of the City street light infrastructure and blend in as much as possible. When possible, wireless support structures should be hidden and be internal to the street pole and light infrastructure. When a wireless structure cannot be supported on existing infrastructure due to structural concerns, the replacement of City infrastructure should be done per the specifications provided by the City and be uniform in both color and appearance with surrounding City street light infrastructure.

The City shall not allow small cell wireless facility equipment to be installed on City owned and maintained decorative street lights installed in special districts such as the downtown area or historically-significant areas. The City may reject applications based solely on appearance and consistency with existing poles and nearby infrastructure.

The City reserves the right to expand and clarify these requirements with future updates.

The photographs below show two different installations of small cell infrastructure:



Applicants should note the varying colors, shapes and sizes of infrastructure for the pole on the left. The pole on the right shows seamless integration of small cell features into the pole and its immediate surroundings. Applications similar to the pole on the left would be denied; applications similar to the pole on the right would be approved.