MEMORANDUM

To: Grace Han, Director of Capital Projects, Public Design Commission

From: Brett Sikoff, Director of Mobile Telecommunications Franchises

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Subject: Mobile Telecommunications Franchise Reservation Phase Update

The Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) is pleased to report to the Public Design Commission (PDC) that it has successfully completed the administration of its first 5G pole reservation phase. A total of 1,373 poles were reserved by mobile telecommunications franchisees in Phase #1.

As the PDC knows, DoITT's reservation phase was focused on ensuring the equitable distribution of new 5G infrastructure. As a result of DoITT's strategic efforts, over 75% of new pole reservations were in Manhattan above 96th Street or in the outer boroughs. Furthermore, 34% of the total number of new poles reserved are in districts identified by Mayor's Taskforce for Racial Inclusion and Equity as being most in need of new telecommunications infrastructure.

These new pole reservations will soon be reviewed under the City's new expedited review procedure to ensure that 5G is deployed as efficiently as possible.

Maintaining its commitment to open five consecutive quarterly reservations phases, DoITT will open the second 5G reservation phase on June 16th, making available up to an additional 1,580 poles. To ensure that 5G is built out equitably, once again, DoITT will cap each franchisee's available poles in the Manhattan core business district at a maximum of 25% of the total that is available for reservation. In regular meetings with industry representatives, DoITT executive staff hammered home the expectation that 5G be built both quickly and equitably.

DoITT will continually monitor and evaluate the reservation and installation process and work to ensure that the effects of the targeted phase plan are improving service in traditionally underserved communities.

We thank you once again for your ongoing partnership to help make NYC a world leader in 5G infrastructure.