# **TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY**

Crown Castle Statement of Direction SUP-20-03

## Town Council Public Meeting



March 26, 2020

### **TODAY'S GOAL**

- Review Draft SOD for Crown Castle Equipment Modification:
  O Upgrading equipment and screens at 3 streetlight pole locations
- Receive Council Input and Direction on Draft SOD





- Background
- Scope of Request
- Statement of Direction (SOD)
- Action



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### BACKGROUND

- 2010 Crown Castle received SUP for Distributed Antenna System (DAS) in Town's right-of-way
- DAS consists of fiber-optic backbone that connects series of antenna nodes to improve system capacity and coverage
- DAS system consists of 42 signal antenna nodes:
  - 2 traffic signal nodes
  - 3 streetlight pole nodes
  - 37 faux cactus nodes
  - Each node has ground equipment such as fiber vault, electrical meter with disconnect, and faux rock battery backup

### BACKGROUND

- 3/12 Work Study Session:
- Commission must:
  - Evaluate location of underground utility locations and identify any conflicts
  - Examine visual mitigation options that will screen equipment cages and not result in additional project costs
  - Council noted they did not want amendment to slow down proposed improvements. Discussion that Town may examine additional/future visual mitigation options such as Town providing decorative screens around equipment cages

## **SCOPE OF REQUEST**

- Upgrading equipment at 3 streetlight pole locations:
  - o H219 7300 N. Tatum Blvd.
  - o H228 6401 E. McDonald Dr.
  - o H232 5395 N. Invergordon Rd.
- Relocate equipment & replace faux rock screen with concrete pad and 3' x 3' x 3' equipment cage
- New equipment cage consists of 1 solid panel and 3 mesh panels
- Mesh panels will vent heat generated by equipment and eliminate need for fan-cooled equipment
- Screens may be orientated in any direction and painted any color Town prefers

## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTION (SOD)**

- Crown Castle SUP:
  - Aesthetic changes to approved antenna equipment or addition of new antenna nodes shall require an Intermediate Amendment to the SUP
  - Intermediate Amendment requires SOD
- SOD may address:
  - o Uses
  - Lot Coverage/FAR
  - o Scale/Massing
  - o Setbacks
  - o Heights
  - o Circulation
  - o Known issues

### **DRAFT SOD**

- Planning Commission shall focus their review on review on and provide options on how to mitigate the visible effects amendment may have on the neighbors. In particular, PC shall focus their review on:
  - 1.Equipment Cages/Screens. Equipment modification will improve service and will not change use of SUP. However, new cages/screens will change aesthetics. Commission shall evaluate color and/or type of material (such as rusted metal) of equipment screens/cages.

## **DRAFT SOD (CONT.)**

#### 2. Orientation, Location, and Mitigation. Planning Commission shall: 1) evaluate location and orientation of equipment screens/cages and 2) identify how equipment cages can be visually mitigated. This includes identifying location of underground utilities and potential conflicts, identifying best location that will conceal screen/cage, and identifying appropriate orientation at each site (such as having solid portions of screen face street and/or locating the equipment to a less visible area).

## **DRAFT SOD (CONT.)**

2.Orientation, Location, and Mitigation. However, costs associated with different mitigation factors must be considered. Commission shall provide effective and costefficient options that will visually mitigate new equipment cages and minimize project costs. This includes use vegetation around equipment cages/screens, evaluate if vegetation is needed at all 3 locations, and identity type, quantity, and location of all applicable plants.

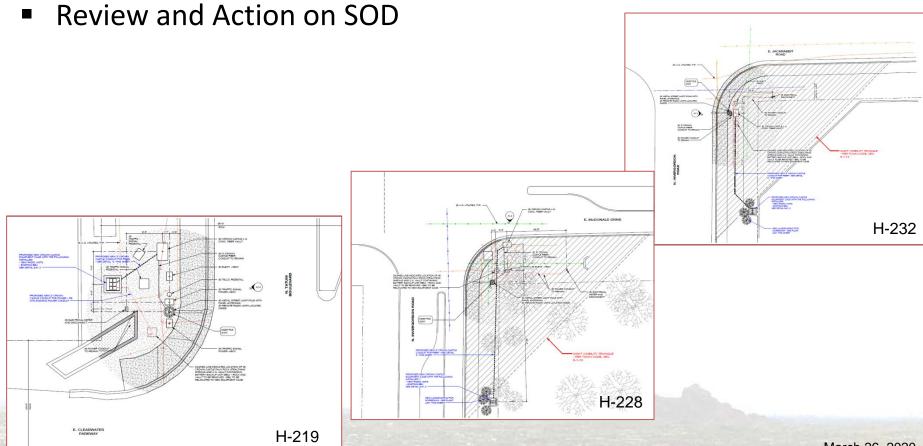
## DRAFT SOD (CONT.)

- Council must issue SOD within 45 days of first staff presentation:
  - o Issue no later than April 26, 2020
- PC may request clarification and/or expansion of SOD based on additional information that has evolved
- Since request is not complex amendment, staff recommends PC complete their review by May 5, 2020

#### RECOMMENDATION

 Recommended that Council approve SOD for Crown Castle Intermediate SUP

#### **TODAY'S GOAL**



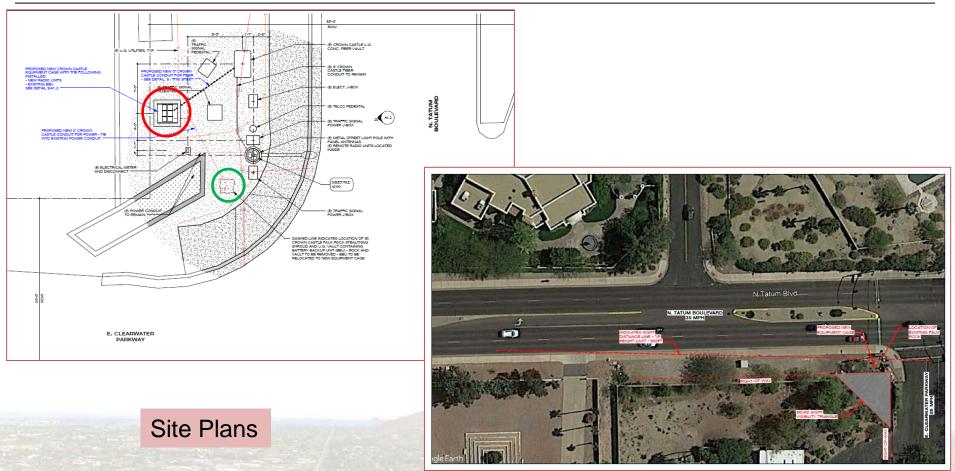
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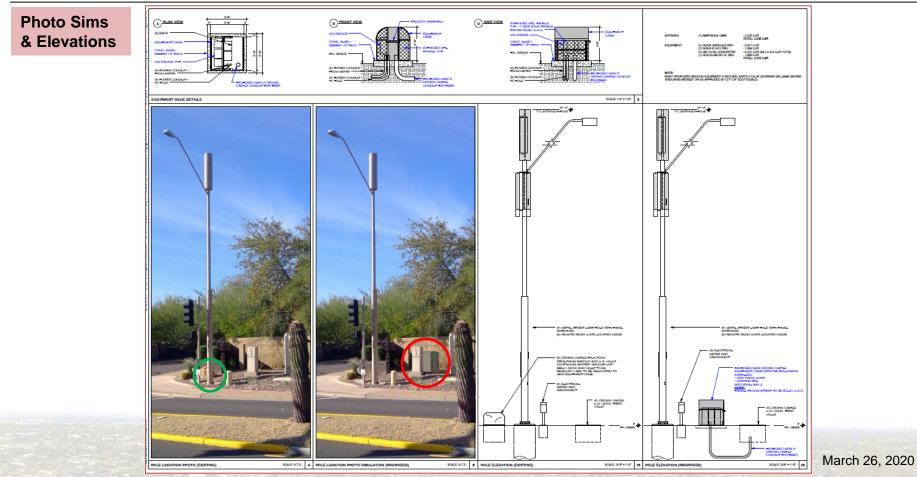




- Replace faux rock and relocate equipment from corner of Tatum Blvd and Clearwater Pkwy behind existing utility cabinets (next to existing wall)
- 3'x3'x3' equipment cage proposed (with 1 solid and 3 mesh panels)
- No proposed landscaping since partially screened by existing cabinets







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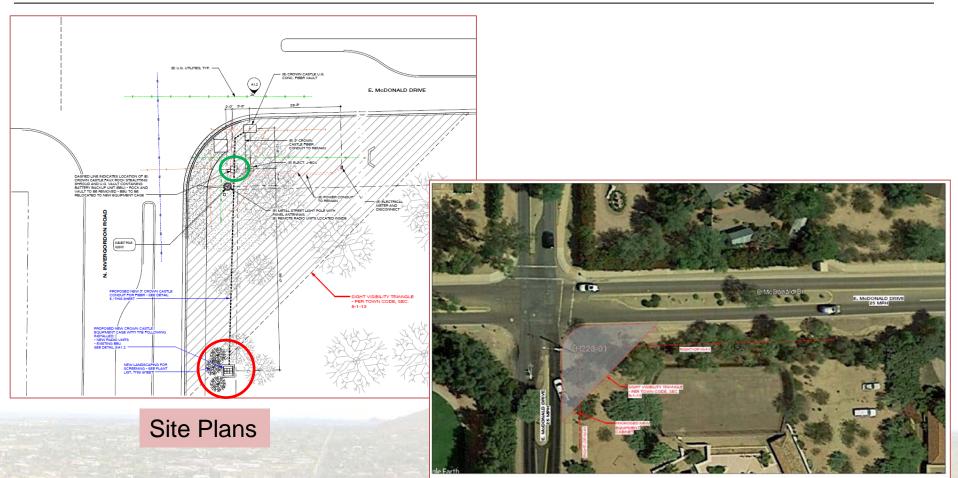


## H228 – 6401 E MCDONALD DR

- Replace faux rock and relocated equipment at corner of Invergordon Rd and McDonald Dr further south on Invergordon Rd
- Proposed:
  - 3'x3'x3' equipment cage (with 1 solid and 3 mesh panels)
  - 3 creosote bush

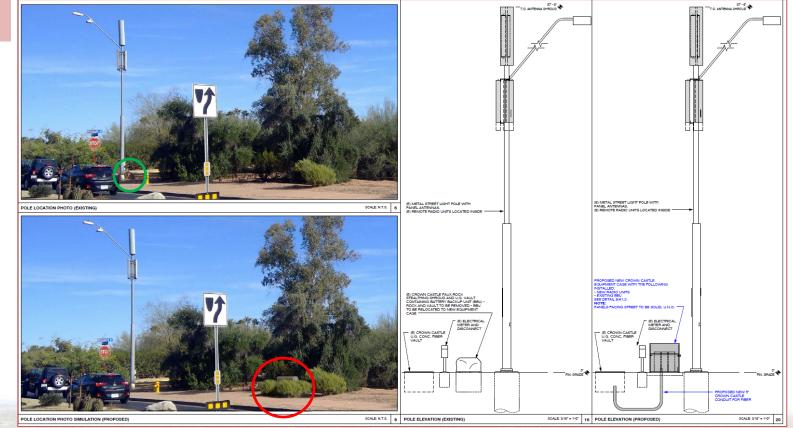


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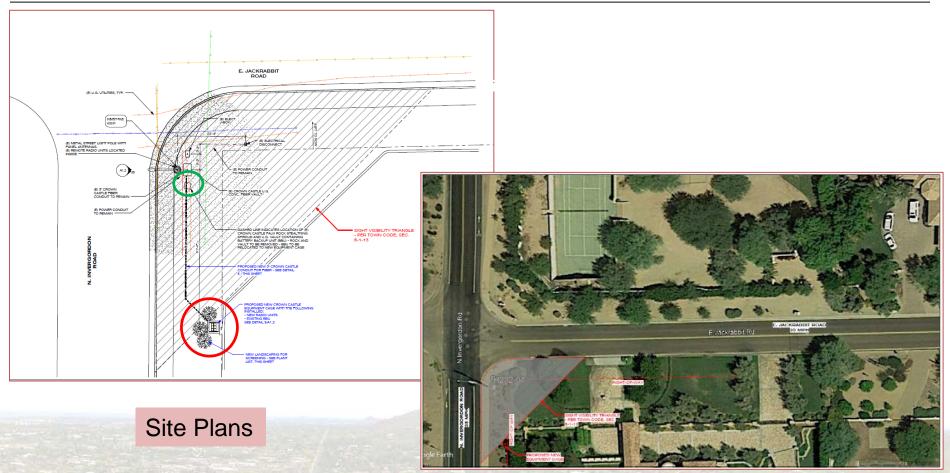


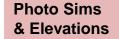




- Replace faux rock and relocate equipment at corner of Invergordon Rd and Jackrabbit Rd further south on Invergordon Rd
- Proposed:
  - 3'x3'x3' equipment cage (with 1 solid and 3 mesh panels)
  - 3 creosote bush









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