



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2024

Re: First Amendment to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless License Agreement –  
Cosmo Park Cell Tower

## Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of legislation allowing the City Manager to sign a first amendment to the License Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. The first amendment to the agreement relocates the legal description of the utility license used to install, construct, maintain, operate, repair and replace utility lines, including fiber optic cables and conduit to and from the cell tower to Parkside Drive on City property. City Council authorization to sign the first amendment will allow for the undergrounding of a portion of the existing overhead utility lines that serve the cell tower in the back of Cosmo Park. This coincides with the construction of the bike park in this location. Parks and Recreation staff will install the necessary conduits for the undergrounding of all utility lines currently on the overhead poles in the location of the bike park. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless will be responsible for costs incurred in installing the fiber optic cable required for their service. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2024.

## Discussion

On Jan. 17, 2023, City Council approved the Cosmo Bike Park capital improvement project at Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area, 1615 Business Loop 70 West. Park staff and contractors have been working on different facets of the project and it is anticipated work will be completed by Dec. 31, 2024.

Staff is requesting approval of the Council legislation authorizing the City Manager to sign a first amendment to the license agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. A co-location agreement was finalized in October 2006 and a license agreement in July 2018.

As part of the capital improvement project, park staff has planned for the undergrounding of the existing overhead utility line that serves the cell tower located in the northeast corner of the bike park. Staff has been working with two private companies to complete the necessary easement documentation to remove the overhead utility lines and underground the electric and fiber lines located within the 10-acre area designated for the bike park. The undergrounding of the power line removes a safety issue at the park related to the overhead utility poles and riders at the park.

Parks and Recreation staff will install the necessary conduits for the undergrounding of all utility lines currently on the overhead poles in the location of the bike park. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless will be responsible for all expenses incurred in installing the



fiber cable required for their service. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2024.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Funding for the conduit for the undergrounding of the overhead utility line is included in the budget for the capital improvement project.

Long-Term Impact: None

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
1/17/23	B355-22: Authorizing construction of a bike park in the northeast corner of Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area to include a trailhead for Rhett's Run Mountain Bike Trail, asphalt pump track, mountain bike skills course, cyclocross event space, and bike playground; providing for construction of the improvement using a design/build contract. <a href="#">B355-22</a>
7/2/18	B148-18: Authorizing a license agreement and memorandum of license agreement with Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for the installation of fiber optic cable adjacent to Parkside Drive in Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area; appropriating funds. <a href="#">B148-18</a>

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the Council legislation authorizing the City Manager to execute the first amendment to the agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.