SURFACE MOUNTED FACILITIES
definition
Surface-Mounted Facility

Electric Service
Power Supply

Communication
Hub

Traffic Signal
Controllers

Ticket Vending
Machines
**TYPES:**

- **SAI**: Surface Area Interface (existing)
- **VRAD**: Video Access Ready Device (new)

**DIMENSIONS:**

- **59”W**
- **26”D**
- **48”H**
The Department is concerned that the installation of surface-mounted facilities in the public rights-of-way will impede travel on public streets, inconvenience property owners, create visual blight, or otherwise incommode the use of the public rights-of-way by the public.

The Department has required that applicants minimize the impact that the placement of any surface-mounted facilities will have on use of the public rights-of-way.
program
requirements

• Provide technical reports to Public Works annually
• Provide graffiti reports to Public Works quarterly
• Each facility must display contact information of facility owner
• Inspect and repair each Surface Mounted Facility within 48 hours

In accordance to DPW Order 175, 566 – Exhibit B
Implemented August 2005
Background of AT&T's proposal to add 726 SMF cabinets within the City

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<td>AT&amp;T seeks EXC. permits from DPW to install telecom cabinets. DPW stops permit processing so Planning Department can begin review City-Wide upgrade via CEQA</td>
<td>Planning Department reviewed the proposal to upgrade the entire City and determined that the project was categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. The Board of Supervisors heard an appeal of this determination. During the appeal, AT&amp;T withdrew its application.</td>
<td>AT&amp;T submitted a revised CEQA application. AT&amp;T reduced the size and number of cabinets and agreed not to install any cabinets within historic districts.</td>
<td>February Planning Department found that the new proposal to be exempt from CEQA.</td>
<td>January 3 SF Superior Court clarified ruling that DPW may not issue permits for AT&amp;T light speed cabinets, but can continue to obtain input/pre-app meeting re: placement of cabinets per DPW Order 175,566.</td>
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<td>March New appeal filed</td>
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<td>October 26 DPW-BSM began to hold DPW hearings for SMF sites</td>
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<td>November 14 Judge Kahn, SF Superior Court stayed City's categorical exemption</td>
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<td>September 12 SF Beautiful appealed the July 2012 ruling. Appeal is still pending</td>
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Memorandum of Understanding for
AT&T Lightspeed Network Upgrade in the City of San Francisco

key points
mou agreement

A. Hearing before the SF Board of Supervisors
B. Annual meetings with Public Works
C. Commitments Beyond the Surface-Mounted Facilities Order
   1. Additional Notice for Each Cabinet Site
   2. Provide Website for the General Public
   3. Additional Cabinet Site Considerations
D. Commitment to Hire Local Workforce
E. Commitment to Pay Cost of Lightspeed Permit Processing
F. Commitment to Pay Cost of Cabinet Relocation
Step 1
COMPANY SUBMITS APPLICATION TO DPW

Application consists of:
- Pre-site visit checklist
- 5-Year Plan
- Cabinet size consistent with plans
- Attempt to place on private property
- Attempt to place underground
- Attempt to collocate the SMF
- Location limitation requirements
- Conform to placement guidelines
- Possible existing SMF removal
- Draft of public notice
- Simulation of locations (4)
- Plans
- Survey Maps

Step 2
DPW REVIEWS APPLICATION

- Technical merits (DPW Order 175,566 – Exhibit B)
  - 4’ pedestrian clearance at all times
  - Various clearance from street furniture
- Public art work list (Arts Commission)
- Historical and landmark list (Local, State, National)
- Historic and conservation district list (Local)

Step 3
DPW TENTATIVELY APPROVES FOR HEARING

Step 4
SUBMIT FINAL PACKAGE IF HEARING APPROVED

Final package consists of:
- Private property owner response
- 300 Linear Feet mailing list
- Neighborhood organization list directory
- City department notices for special districts
- SMF removal location

Step 5
ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO APPLY FOR EXC
Dear San Francisco Resident:

AT&T California is filing an application with the San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) for a permit to install an **electronics cabinet with attached electric power panel** at the following proposed location: **2754 14TH Avenue**. A photograph of the Surface Mounted Facilities (SMF) in the proposed location and the specifications for the SMF are shown below.

This cabinet will provide the latest telecommunications technology offering high-speed internet access and advanced digital television and entertainment services, which will be fed by fiber-optic cable to this new neighborhood hub.

Objection to the installation of the SMF at any of the proposed locations must be submitted in writing via e-mail to smf@sfdpw.org, by mail to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street-Use and Mapping, 875 Stevenson Street, Room 460, San Francisco, California 94103-0942 or by fax to (415) 554-6161. You have 20 days from the date of this notice to send written notice of your objection to DPW. DPW will not consider any objection unless it is made within this 20-day period.

If you submit an objection, DPW may convene a hearing to determine whether the permit for placement of the SMF should be issued. DPW will commence any such hearing within 40 days after the receipt of any objections. You will have the opportunity to express your concerns about the SMF at the hearing should you choose to attend.

The new cabinet is 59 inches wide, 48 inches tall and 26 inches deep.

For more information, please visit: [www.att.com/ipnetwork4sf](http://www.att.com/ipnetwork4sf)

Last date to file an objection: **November 30, 2011**
Step 1: NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) POSTED BY COMPANY

Step 2: 20-DAY OBJECTION PERIOD BEGINS

SMF number must be specified in objection
All objections will be sent to company within two business days
✓ E-Mail objection to: smf@sfdpw.org (2-Day response time)
✓ Fax objection to: 415-554-6161
✓ US Mail objection to: Bureau of Street-Use and Mapping
c/o Surface Mounted Facility (SMF)
1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Step 3: HEARING SCHEDULED BY DPW

Step 4: OBJECTORS NOTIFIED

• Will be notified in the manner that they were sent their objection
• Welcome to submit comments to the hearing officer if unable to attend

Step 5: HEARING PROCESS

• Public Works presents overview and summary of sites
• Company presents summary of execution of community outreach
• Members of public are welcome to comment

Hearing Officer will make a recommendation to DPW Director – not at the time of the hearing

Step 6: DPW NOTIFICATION OF DIRECTOR’S DECISION
ADA path of travel safety concerns
  Creates a wall
Density of cabinets in neighborhood/block
  Devaluing property
Dimension of cabinet on notice not to scale
  Graffiti and/or needs attention (blight)
  Greening and Screening
Health/noise/environmental concerns
  Hinders access to vehicles
Impact on aesthetic character of neighborhood
  Inconsistent bollard placement
Notice only in English
Objectors unaware of need to provide alternate location
  Placement near boundaries of park
  Placement near conservation districts
  Placement near historic structures
Residential vs Commercial corridors
  Trash left by service technicians
Unclear and confusing notifications
605 Vicente St
in 2008, AT&T requests to install

726

185
approved sites

9
disapproved sites
in 2013

180+
installed / in construction

2000
protests