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## Memorandum

To: Heritage Preservation Commission

From: Tim Acklin, AICP

Date: **April 21, 2026**

Re: **1707 Main Street- Section 106 Review/Comment**

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Any Federal Projects must include a Section 106 Review, which is a review of the project to consider any potential impacts to historic properties, particularly those that are listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. All cellular/wireless facilities, since regulated on a federal level, are required to go through this process.

The project includes the removal of existing wireless facilities and replacing it with new equipment. More specifically it includes the following:

### To be Removed:

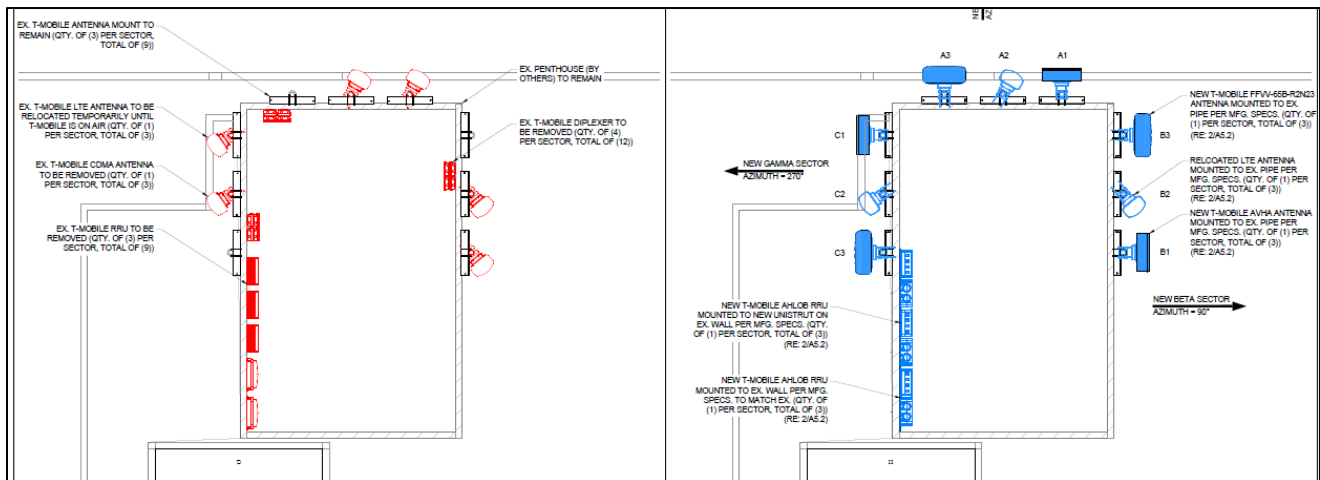
- Three (3) existing antennas
- Nine (9) existing RRU's
- Twelve (12) existing diplexers
- All existing COAX cables
- One (1) existing hybrid cable
- Two (2) existing I-beams in the existing equipment room in the basement
- One (1) existing CMDA cabinet
- One (1) battery cabinet and batteries
- One (1) 200 PPC
- One generator plug

### To be Added:

- Three (3) existing US Cellular antennas are to be relocated at the existing penthouse.
- Six (6) new antennas at the existing building penthouse
- Six (6) new RRUS
- Two (2) new 6 x 24 trunk cables
- One (1) new 700A PDF rack 2/batteries
- One (1) new equipment rack
- Two (2) new baseband modules
- Three (3) new baseband sub-modules
- One (1) new baseband sub-rack

- One (1) new transport system
- One (1) new 200A PPC
- One (1) new 200A gen plug on the existing building.

The antennas are the only pieces of equipment that will be located on the exterior of the building and visible from the street. The other pieces of equipment will be located within the interior of the building. After reviewing the plans, it appears that the new equipment will be located on the same penthouse tower and within the same space the existing equipment is located. Looking at plan sheet number A2.1 the mounts for the antennas are already installed on the exterior of the penthouse.



The former Grandview Hospital is not currently listed on the Local, State, or National Register of Historic Places. It is staff's understanding that its current status with the State Historic Preservation Office is that it is not eligible for the State or National Register. Staff does believe a substantial argument could be made for local designation.

It is the opinion of staff that the proposed project does not adversely impact this building as there are already wireless facilities within and on the building. The new equipment is just replacing the old. The plans show that there will be no new exterior impact to the building. The only thing staff would recommend is that, like the existing antennas, the new ones are paint a color to match the existing brick and blend into the building.