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# West Isla Vista Facility

**Santa Barbara County** 

**Board of Supervisors** 

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# **Application Timeline**

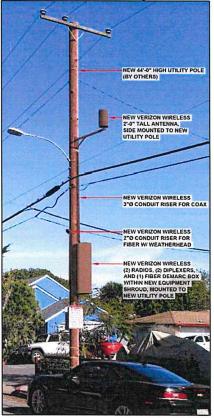
October 1, 2019	CUP application filed for Trigo Road site (existing pole)			
July 24, 2020	SBAR application filed for Trigo Road site			
August 8, 2020	SBAR hearing, SBAR requested review of alternative locations and designs			
October 14, 2020	Planning Commission Hearing			
October 26, 2020	Planning Commission Hearing # 2			
December 2, 2020	Planning Commission neighborhood walk			
January 13, 2021	Planning Commission Hearing # 3			
2021 -2022	Verizon Wireless investigated alternative locations			
March 23, 2022	CUP application submitted for Fortuna Road site (new pole)			
May 3, 2022	Fortuna Road determined to be located outside the right -of-way and withdrawn			
October 26, 2022	Development plan application filed for Camino Lindo site			
November 21, 2022	SBAR application filed for Camino Lindo site			
February 3, 2023	SBAR denied Camino Lindo site			
February 13, 2023	Verizon Wireless appealed SBAR denial			
March 31, 2023	SBAR approves conceptual review for original Trigo Road site			
June 16, 2023	SBAR denial of Trigo Rd. Application and subsequent appeal by Verizon			
December 6, 2023	Planning Commission Appeal Hearing and Approval of Trigo Location			



# **Facility Design**

- Existing utility pole of 44 feet in height.
- Cylindrical antenna mounted mid-pole, 2 feet tall, 14.6 inch diameter at at height of 30ft-8 inches
- Radios concealed inside narrow shroud on side of pole 70 inches tall, 20 inches wide, and 20 inches deep at a heigh of 17ft-6 inches
- Limited ground space in right-of-way requires placement of equipment on pole

Looking Northeast from Camino Majorca



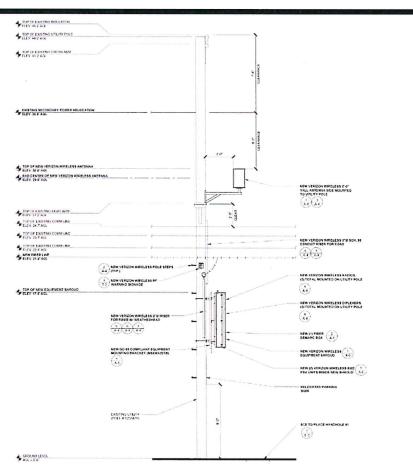
Looking Southwest from Sabado Tarde





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### Service Gap

- Gap in reliable coverage in west Isla Vista area and UCSB faculty housing to west
- Existing Isla Vista facility
   0.7 miles east cannot provide reliable dominant signal to gap area
- Existing Isla Vista facility has reached capacity exhaustion



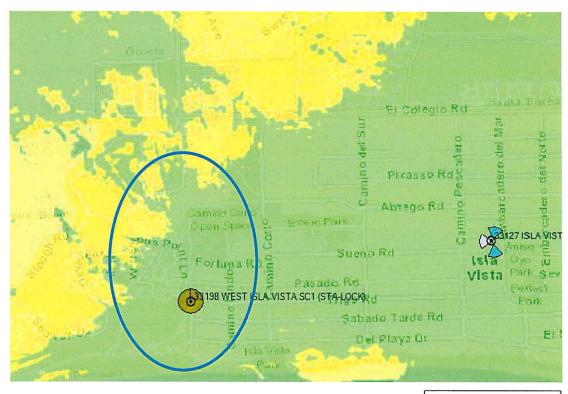
In-building >= -85 dBm In-vehicle >= -95 dBm Outdoor >= -105 dBm

Unreliable < -105 dBm

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## **Improved Service**

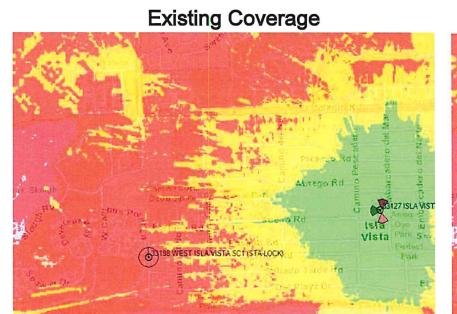
- New reliable coverage to 0.46 square miles with a population of 2,100
- Strong new dominant signal for local customers
- Offloads traffic from exhausted existing facility, improving network performance

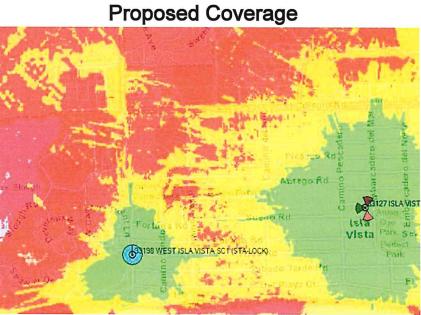


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## Mid-Band Relieves Capacity Exhaustion





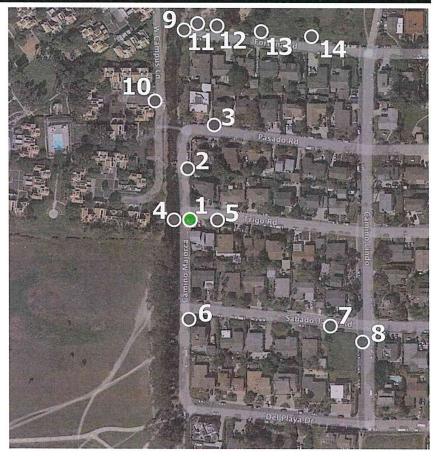
RSRP 1900 MHz Coverage
In-building >= .85 dBm
In-vehicle >= .95 dBm
Outdoor >= .105 dBm
Unreliable < .105 dBm



SCE Rules: 2ft from Comm; 6ft power, 2ft light and does not allow locating on poles with guy wires

#### **Alternatives**

- Verizon Wireless evaluated 14 alternative locations, including new poles
- Alternatives discounted because:
  - Lack of pole space (2, 3)
  - Taller pole required (4, 7)
  - Violates utility pole safety rules (5, 6, 7)
  - SBAR denied new pole (8)
  - Not in right-of-way (9, 10, 11)
  - Not less intrusive (12, 13, 14)





# **Principal Factors to Discount Alternatives**

		Lack of pole space	Taller pole required	Utility pole safety rules	SBAR denied new pole	Not in right-of-way	Not less intrusive
1	Camino Majorca @ Trigo (Proposed Facility)						
2	Camino Majorca Existing facility on pole	X					
3	Pasado Road Existing facility on pole	X					
4	Camino Majorca Guy pole		X				X
5	Trigo Road Utility pole			X			
6	Camino Majorca Utility pole			X			
7	Sabado Tarde Utility pole		X	X			X
8	Camino Lindo New pole				X		X
9	Fortuna Road New pole					X	
10	UCSB housing parcel					X	
11	Fortuna Road Utility pole	Х				Х	
12	Fortuna Road Utility pole						Х
13	Fortuna Road Utility pole						X
14	Fortuna Road Utility pole						X

#### **Verizon Community Outreach**

- Verizon Wireless engaged in additional community outreach to gain feedback on potential Fortuna rd. colocation on existing poles.
- Verizon reached out to the neighboring homes on Fortuna road.
- 3 responses were received by email.
  - 2 neighbors were opposed to a proposed site on Fortuna.
  - 1 neighbor was in support of improved service in the area.

