



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** August 14, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Discuss Senate Bill 1004 regulating the installation of Small Cell Antenna Network Nodes in public rights-of-way

**PRESENTER:** Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Texas Legislature has approved a bill allowing cellular companies to place new network nodes in public rights-of-way. These small cell antennas, or “network nodes,” can be installed on new or existing poles. Cities will have limited power to regulate the node locations, and are limited on franchise fees that can be charged for using the public right-of-way. The bill becomes effective September 1, 2017.

City Planning, Legal and Engineering staff will provide information on the legislation and discuss the city’s options for implementing design guidelines in compliance with state law.