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Finance, Budget & Audit Committee - June 16, 2025
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Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to execute three separate five (5)-year license agreements commencing August 1, 2025, with American Tower Corporation dba SpectraSite Communications, LLC (Licensor); and

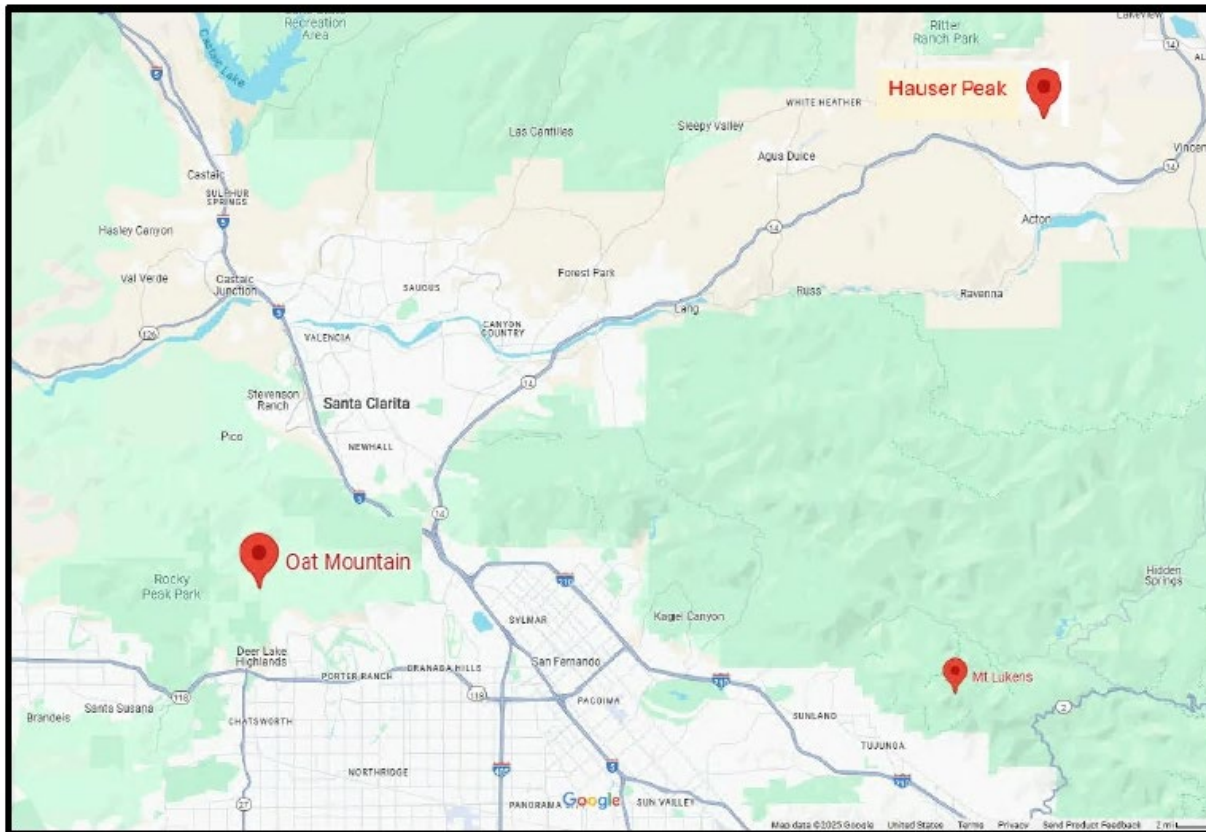
AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to execute up to three (3) additional five (5)-year options for each site for microwave radio stations located at the following sites:

- 5 Mt. Lukens Road, Tujunga - at an initial rate of approximately \$7,617.47 per month with 3.5% annual escalations, plus utilities, for a total estimated amount of \$2,678,592.90 over the full 15-year term (including options).
- Oat Mountain Orcutt Ranch, Chatsworth - at an initial rate of approximately \$5,274.26 per month with 3.5% annual escalations, plus utilities, for a total estimated amount of \$1,837,556.05 over the full term (including options).
- 1 Hauser Mountain, Acton - at an initial rate of approximately \$4,274.97 per month with 3.5% annual escalations, plus utilities, for a total estimated amount of \$1,495,434.10 over the full term (including options).

Background

- **Longstanding Use:** Metro has operated three microwave radio towers since 1995 under a license agreement with SpectraSite Communications.
- **License History:** The agreement was extended in 1997 and 2010, with the current term expiring on **July 31, 2025**.
- **System Integration:** The towers support Metro's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) and Rail Communications (Rail Comm).
- **Operational Importance:** These systems provide essential voice and data communication between buses, trains, and their respective operations centers, ensuring safe and efficient service countywide.

Location Map



Mt. Lukens
Location 308
5 Mt. Lukens Road
Tujunga, CA
(AL000081)

Oat Mountain
Location 313
Orcutt Ranch
Chatsworth, CA
(AL000082)

Hauser Peak
Location 314
1 Hauser Mtn.
Acton, CA
(AL000083)

Financial Impact & Next Steps

Financial Impact:

Up to \$6,011,583 for all three sites for up to 20 years (five-year initial period plus three five-year options)

Upon Board approval:

Metro will execute the three license agreements with American Tower Corporation dba SpectraSite Communications, LLC. This will secure continued use of the microwave radio station locations through July 31, 2044, including the option periods.