

INSTALLATION OF MTA COMMUNICATION MONOPOLE FOR MTA POLICE

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will be constructing a new communication system to improve communication for the MTA police. The newly constructed communication system will include establishing 69 communication sites throughout the MTA service area. There are 15 sites where they cannot co-locate on an existing cell towers. There are three such locations in Westchester County: Tarrytown, Mount Kisco and Peekskill.

Since the MTA cannot co-locate on any existing cell towers in Tarrytown, they will be constructing a monopole in the Village with a minimum height of 150 feet and could extend to 180 feet, depending upon signal quality. The location of the monopole will be immediately adjacent to the north side of the Metro North Railroad electrical substation due east of the railroad tracks. Based upon the said location, the most visually impacted areas would be the southern end of Franklin Court, MacArthur Lane and the western end of Bridge Street.

The Village was informed by the MTA that the Village would have no input in regards to the construction of the monopole, noting an exemption from the Village's laws as well as an exemption from an environmental review subject to the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act pursuant to the NYS Public Authorities Law. In addition, the MTA intends to offer space on the monopole to private cell phone carriers and they reiterated that this action was also exempt from Village review and approval. The Village Attorney has reviewed the state law that the MTA claims exempts them from obtaining Village reviews and approvals and has found that the statements of the MTA regarding an exemption from Tarrytown's law is correct.

The time frame, per the MTA, for completing the work is the end of January 2016, weather permitting. The MTA intends to conduct borings on their property within the next two weeks with final drawings for construction to be completed in September.