







CIRC Feasibility Study Summary for BCBOCC

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## Study Contributors

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#### **Tasks Conducted**

- Physical inspection
- Floor loading analysis
- Antenna mounting analysis
- X-ray of floors in riser closets
- Federal filings (FAA, NEPA, SHPO)
- Microwave path studies
- Design drawings



# **Design Considerations**

- Buildout of an equipment room inside the existing boiler room on the rooftop
- Mount of antennas along an inner parapet wall on the rooftop and at the corners of the building
- Installation of a generator and concrete enclosure on the fourth floor of the garage
- Route of power from the ground floor of the garage to the generator and to the rooftop



# Study Summary

- Construction at the CIRC will require significant building structural modifications
- Coverage will be reduced in the immediate vicinity due to shadowing from the building and may be further impacted by future construction
- Construction at the CIRC will be significantly more expensive in both capital and sustainment costs compared to a free-standing tower
- Construction at the CIRC will take longer than a free-standing tower, pushing project completion into Q3 2020 (Calendar Year)
- Restoration of service following equipment outages at the CIRC will take longer compared to a free-standing tower



# **Design Challenges**

- Ability to drain water underneath the location where the equipment room will be constructed
  - The floor will not support equipment room with associated equipment with raised concrete pad
- Routing of cables from the ground floor to the rooftop
  - Core drilling required through existing telecommunication closets
- Transportation of building materials and equipment to the rooftop
  - High-rise crane and/or helicopter required











# **Flood Mitigation**

- The floor will not support raising the equipment room to allow sufficient drainage without building structural modifications
  - Drain located under proposed equipment location
  - Rust stains identified on the floor
  - Draining required for HVAC
- The location of the equipment room is not in an environmentally controlled area with the potential for flooding or water entry
  - Leak from the boilers
  - Water entry through vents
- Any options for raising the equipment room will require significant structural enhancements to the building, greatly increasing costs and schedule delays
  - Subject to approval by the building owner
- Construction without drainage solutions presents risks of equipment room being flooded



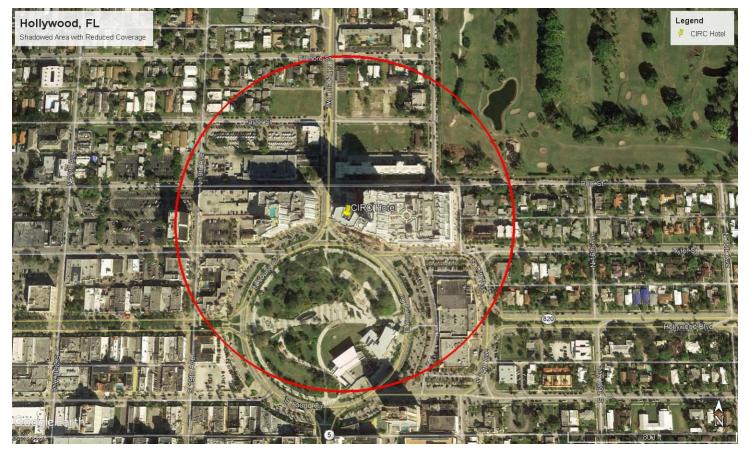


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### **Coverage Impacts**

- Systemwide coverage initially evaluated to be comparable to a tower in West Lake Park
- Coverage in the immediate vicinity of the CIRC will be reduced due to shadowing from the building
- Shadowing may be worsened if the FAA does not approve antenna heights above the top of the building, requiring lower placement of antennas
- Construction of tall buildings in the immediate vicinity of the CIRC will impair coverage
- Computer modeling does not consider building shadowing or structural obstructions



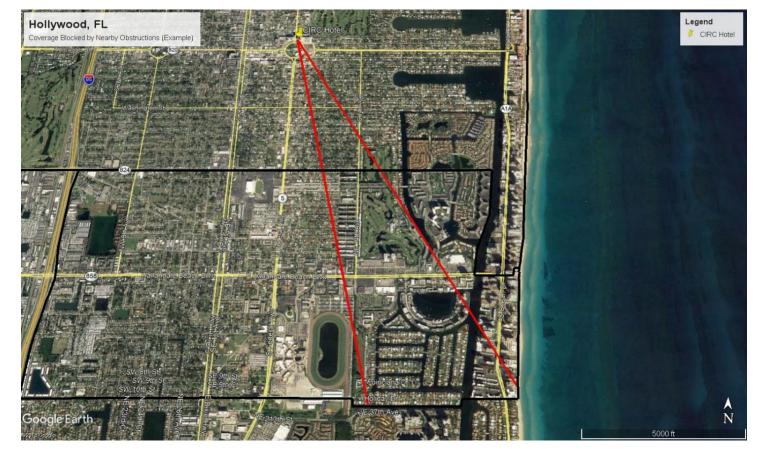


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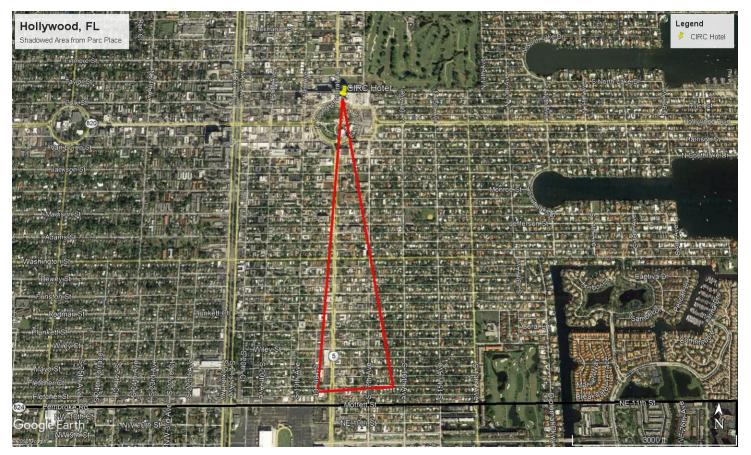
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# **Cost Analysis**

- Construction costs at the CIRC estimated between \$2.1 million (installation via crane) and \$2.8 million (installation via helicopter)
  - Construction costs only
  - Does not include building structural enhancements
  - Does not include schedule delay costs
- Lease costs at the CIRC have not yet been negotiated, but are estimated to fall between \$5,200 per month and \$6,200 per month based on lease payments at existing condo locations
  - Costs estimated with a 3% CPI increase
- Cost of a free-standing tower is \$750,000, with \$5,000 in annual maintenance costs
  - Construction costs only
- Approximate lifespan of a radio tower is 50 years



## Cost of Ownership Comparison

Cumulative Cost of Ownership	CIRC (\$5,200 / month)	CIRC (\$6,200 / month)	Free-standing Tower
Capital Costs (initial installation)	\$2,450,000 (average)	\$2,450,000 (average)	\$750,000
Year 5	\$2,781,290	\$2,846,210	\$776,546
Year 10	\$3,165,346	\$3,305,526	\$807,319
Year 15	\$3,610,572	\$3,838,000	\$842,995
Year 20	\$4,126,711	\$4,455,282	\$884,352
Year 25	\$4,725,058	\$5,170,882	\$932,296
Year 30	\$5,418,706	\$6,000,458	\$987,877
Year 35	\$6,222,834	\$6,962,164	\$1,052,310
Year 40	\$7,155,039	\$8,077,045	\$1,127,006
Year 45	\$8,235,719	\$9,369,498	\$1,213,599
Year 50	\$9,488,525	\$10,867,805	\$1,313,984

## **CIRC** Implementation Schedule

Milestone	Completion Date	
Feasibility Study with Proposed Design Delivered	March 29, 2019	
Lease Executed	June 1, 2019	
Construction Permits Received	August 1, 2019	
Construction Begins	August 1, 2019	
*Construction Complete	March 1, 2020	
Radio Equipment Installation Complete	May 1, 2020	
System Testing Complete	September 1, 2020	
System Ready for Cutover	September 1, 2020	

\*Does not include building structural modifications



## Maintenance Impact

- It will take technicians longer to access radio equipment on the rooftop when compared to a free-standing tower
  - Key access, elevator, stairwell, long route on the rooftop
- In the event replacement equipment is needed, heavy equipment will need to be carried by hand
- Equipment that cannot be carried by hand or antenna replacements will require crane or helicopter



## Comparison to Other County Rooftop Locations

- Floor loading at other rooftop sites support the proposed equipment
- All three buildings have existing equipment rooms that will adequately support the County's equipment
- Antenna mounting locations at the existing structures are on top of rooftop equipment rooms that elevate antenna and reduce the impact of shadowing
- Other buildings include flat faces with roadway access where equipment can be hoisted to the rooftop without the use of a crane
- The buildings are the tallest buildings in their respective areas, with no planned construction in the surrounding areas that could obstruct coverage
- These rooftops are located along the coast where there are no viable alternative locations for free-standing towers



## Summary

- Significant structural modifications required, which will further increase costs and delay the schedule beyond projections
- Coverage in the immediate vicinity of the CIRC will be reduced due to shadowing and may be reduced over a larger area due to tall structures in the vicinity or reduced antenna height due to FAA restrictions
- The CIRC will cost between \$8.2 million and \$9.5 million more than a free-standing tower over the life of the tower
- Implementation at the CIRC will push the project schedule into Q3 of 2020 (Calendar Year) or beyond
- Restoration periods at the CIRC will be longer compared to a free-standing tower



- Decide whether or not to proceed with negotiations with the CIRC
- If negotiations proceed with the CIRC:
  - Review feasibility study with CIRC and work toward agreed design (structural modifications, antenna placements, core drilling, etc.)
  - Determine if AT&T service will be provided to the building, or if the existing provider will be utilized
  - Agree on lease terms, including payments

## Questions?

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