



Mesa del Sol Wireless Telecommunications Facility (WTF)

Cell towers do not have to be blights on our landscape. Dekker/Perich/Sabatini has created an elegant solution to the quandary posed by cell towers: how to provide coverage with towers that contribute, rather than detract from the urban landscape. Wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF) are familiar sights in our contemporary landscape and, at times, objects of intense public scrutiny. Without adequate design consideration a WTF may encounter public opinion that may weaken public communication services. Dekker/Perich/Sabatini designed and assisted in the entitlement of a new Wireless Telecommunications Facility that courageously pushes the envelope of public infrastructure design.

Due to its 90' height, and its compelling design, the wireless facility was considered problematic to local approving authorities. After substantial deliberation, approving agencies were convinced that a 90' facility would minimize the number of facilities community-wide. And, although many agencies would appreciate the disappearance of a wireless facility, DPS chose to clad the tower and make it an icon.

With help from the design/build firm, Anthem Telecom, the facility sits serenely in the landscape of Southeast Albuquerque. The facility suggests that good design need not only be relegated to our structures we dwell in, but widened to include our essential landscape of infrastructure.



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