

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



d. Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Samuel Zimbabwe *sz*
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DATE: April 17, 2012

SUBJECT: BZA Case #18330 (2337 Champlain Street, N.W. - Square 2563, Lot 887)

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At the April 3, 2012 Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) hearing for BZA case 18330 (2337 Champlain Street, N.W.) the Board requested that DDOT clarify its position on vehicle access to the site. With this memorandum, DDOT reaffirms its position that vehicle access is to be from the north-south Public Alley, per the section of DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual relating to driveway access (sec. 31.2.3.1 DDOT Requirements: General Driveways).

DDOT's position on vehicle access reflects not only the stated policy in the Design and Engineering Manual but also the following critical safety concerns:

- 1) By locating site driveway access on to the public alley, conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians are minimized.
- 2) The Applicant's site frontage is along a curved portion of Champlain Street that also allows on-street parking. Accordingly, driveway access on Champlain Street would result in a limited sight distance for vehicle egress.

Should the Board have any follow-on questions, do not hesitate to ask.

**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia**

CASE NO. 18330

EXHIBIT NO. 48