

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:** Sam Zimbabwe  
Associate Director

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**DATE:** June 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 18967 – 5401 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. (Square 2718, Lot 44)

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**APPLICATION**

Pursuant to 11 DCMR §§3104.1 the Buddhist Congregational Church of America (the “Applicant”) seeks a special exception from the SSH-1 Overlay requirements under §§1553.2 to construct a second-floor addition to an existing church in the SSH-1/ R-1-B District at premises 5401 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. (Square 2718, Lot 44)

The Applicant proposes to construct an 11,000 SF second-floor addition in the existing worship hall building. The proposal will allow the Applicant to add a dining hall and residential kitchen for church patrons on the ground floor level currently occupied by the worship hall that will be relocated to the building addition space. According to the Applicant the proposal will not increase the number of patrons currently using the facility.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the Applicant’s request and determined, based on the information provided, the proposal will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested special exception.

This review pertains only to zoning issues and does not consider potential impacts to District owned public space. DDOT's lack of objection to the zoning variance should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. If any portion of the project has elements in the public space requiring approval, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT's permitting process. The Applicant may refer to the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual for specific controls of public space. A summary can be found in DDOT's Public Realm Design Manual.

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