

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Sam Zimbabwe 
Associate Director

DATE: May 5, 2015

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 18996 – 3401 Macomb Street N.W. (Square 2078, Lot 41)

APPLICATION

Pursuant to 11 DCMR §§3103.2 Macomb St. Trust, Robert Altman, Trustee (the “Applicant”) seeks a special exception under §223, not meeting the side yard requirements under §405, to allow the construction of a rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling in the R-1 District at premises 3401 Macomb Street N.W. (Square 2078, Lot 41)

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.

DDOT’s lack of objection to the zoning special exception should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. The proposed changes to the existing driveway and installation of retaining walls in the public parking area require a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process and may require review and approval by the Public Space Committee. DDOT

requires driveways be constructed perpendicular to the curb-line of the street through the entire public space area to the property line. The existing driveway measures 12 ft. 8 in. wide at the curb-line and 18 ft. wide behind the public sidewalk. The driveway should be redesigned to maintain the 12 ft. 8 in. width from the street curb to the property line. The Applicant has committed to coordinate with DDOT to address the public space concerns listed above during the DDOT permitting process.

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