

Government of the District of Columbia


Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Anna Chamberlin
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DATE: October 25, 2019

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 13540A – 1600 M Street NW

APPLICATION

National Geographic Society (the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle Y, requests a modification of consequence to the plans approved by BZA Order No. 13540, to add a front entry pavilion to an existing building. The site is located in the RF-1 Zone at 1600 M Street NW (Square 183, Lots 883 and 884).

RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action will not have adverse impacts on the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application on the following conditions:

- DDOT notes that there are two existing curb cuts on M Street NW near the new pedestrian plaza that will no longer be in use and should be closed. Street trees will likely need to be installed in their place.

PUBLIC SPACE

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of public space design. If any portion of this or future projects at the property propose elements within District owned public space, such as ramping, special paving, curb cut closures or planters, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process. A permit application can be filed through the [DDOT Transportation Online Permitting System \(TOPS\)](#) website.

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DDOT expects the adjacent public space to meet all District standards. The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the DCMR, and the most recent version of DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual, and DDOT's Public Realm Design Manual for public space regulations and design guidance.

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