

**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   
Associate Director

**DATE:** April 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 14493A – 5331 Colorado Avenue, NW

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**APPLICATION**

Star of Bethlehem Church of God (the “Applicant”), requests a special exception from the child development center requirements under § 205, for continued use of a child development center that accommodates 150 children and 17 staff in the SSH-2/R-1-B District at premises 5331 Colorado Avenue, NW (Square 2718, Lot 804). The Applicant was initially approved for a special exception to child development center requirements in Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Order No. 14493, dated December 4, 1986.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the Applicant’s request and determined that based on the information provided, this proposed project will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District’s transportation network; however, DDOT has concerns regarding the use of public space for parking adjacent to Colorado Avenue. Parking in public space must be approved by the Public Space Committee and at the time of this report, DDOT could not locate prior permit approval. Of note, the Applicant meets the zoning requirements of five parking spaces without the use of public space for parking. Despite the use of public space for parking, DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested exception.

DDOT’s lack of objection to this zoning exception should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. Unless the Applicant can provide proof of prior permit approval, the Applicant will be required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process for parking in public space. 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 the Public Realm Design Manual.

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