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SUBJECT: Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation/ The Field School
BZA Application 16559

The Conclusions of Law and Opinion section of the above referenced Board of Zoning Adjustment Decision and Order references several traffic management improvements which must be implemented before a Certificate of Occupancy may be issued for use of the Field School facilities, located at 2301 Foxhall Road, NW

The Department of Transportation has been coordinating with representatives of the Field School to implement some of the transportation physical improvements included in the zoning order, including design and construction of the widening of Foxhall Road to create a southbound left turn lane (pg. 20, item 14 and pg. 21, item 15), design and construction of the traffic control signal (pg. 21, item 16) and install school zone warning signs (pg. 21, item 17). The design of these facilities is currently underway, and construction will occur in the fall and winter of 2002.

Representatives of the Field School have recently sent the Department of Transportation a proposed alternative transportation management plan that would be implemented while construction is completed. The Department has reviewed these plans and finds that a modified version of Alternative #3 would bring the school into effective compliance with the above referenced conditions of the BZA order.

The school's plan, as modified by the Department would include the following elements.

1. The north access to the school site would remain closed, except to emergency vehicles.

2. Installation of two flashing beacons, one on Foxhall Road at the modified southern entrance to the school, and one on Foxhall Road near W street, approximately 300 feet south of the school entrance.

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3. Placement of the warning signs as required in condition # 17 on page 21.

4. Placement of a stop sign at the modified southern exit from the Field School to Foxhall Road, to serve as an interim traffic control device until the traffic signal is installed.

5. Permit left or right turns from the modified southern exit Field School property onto Foxhall Road with the assistance of an off-duty uniformed Metropolitan Police Officer.

6. Prohibit left turns from southbound Foxhall Road into the Field School, and require all traffic to enter from northbound Foxhall Road, making a right turn only into the property.

7. Prohibit students from accessing the school by private car and prohibit parents from dropping off or picking up students at the school until the permanent roadway and traffic signal improvements are completed and approved by the Department of Transportation. Until the final roadway and traffic signal improvements are made, all students shall be dropped off and picked up at a staging area and driven to school by shuttle bus.

8. The proposed shuttle bus staging area and required shuttle bus route shall be described in an interim transportation management plan which shall be transmitted to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission for review and comment, and forwarded to the Department of Transportation for review and approval prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

9. Teachers and school staff will be allowed to drive to the school using the northbound right turn only approach as outlined in item #5 above. Leaving the school, teachers and staff shall be allowed to turn left or right, with the assistance of the off-duty uniformed Metropolitan Police Officer.

10. The Field School shall identify a required traffic route to be used by teachers and staff to access the school, which shall be described in an interim transportation management plan. The interim transportation management plan shall be transmitted to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission for review and comment, and forwarded to the Department of Transportation for review and approval prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

11. The required access route for teachers and staff shall avoid turning movements and use of residential streets, and shall be restricted to major arterials, such as Reservoir Road, Canal Road or other major arterial roadways.

We believe that implementation of these interim measures would place the Field School in effective compliance with the major transportation requirements of the BZA Order, and would support the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, conditioned upon the final

construction and approval of the required roadway widening and installation of the traffic signal at the school entrance.