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TO: Denzil L. Noble
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FROM: Kenneth Laden
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DATE: December 3, 2002

SUBJECT: **BLRA No. 03-00116** – U Street Metro Building
Located at 1290 U Street, NW, Lot 133, Square 274

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the subject application and material for the proposed project site. This memorandum addresses the transportation impacts of the environmental assessment.

The project consists of a four-story office building with 11,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 33,000 square feet of office space on the top three floors to be occupied by a District Government Agency. The development project was previously reviewed by DDOT in BZA Case No. 16868. In the BZA case, the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health (DOH) was identified as the prospective office tenant, relocating from their current location at 1536 U Street, NW.

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Site/Roadway Network Description

The project is located along the commercial corridor of U Street, NW, at the intersection of 13th and U Street, NW above the U Street/Cardoza Station on the Metro Green Line. The proposed building will have a direct connection to the metro station below, and several Metro bus lines serve the site. On street metered and non-metered parking spaces are available along 12th Street, 13th Street, 14th Street, U Street, and V Street, NW and can accommodate retail patrons. A total of 12 parking spaces, including one handicap space, are proposed for the site.

The applicant conducted an employee transportation survey for the DOH to determine the current modes of transportation used by employees, and their intended use upon relocation of the facility. Approximately two-thirds of the 35 staff members drive to the existing facility, which does not provide any parking for staff or visitors. Upon

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relocation, the number of employees who intend to drive to work is reduced to half. The existing facility serves approximately 65 clients a day and 99% of all clients use public transportation. A maximum number of 12 vehicular trips would be generated by the facility in the AM or PM peak hour, as stated by the applicant. The proposed use will not cause a large increase in traffic volume on neighboring streets. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the application.

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