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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Office of Zoning

FROM: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director for Transportation Planning

DATE: SEP 2 8 2002

SUBJECT: BZA Application No.16917 – Application for Special Exception for the conversion of an existing retail store into a religious multi purpose use at 1671 Gales Street, N.E. zoned R-4.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other materials accompanying your memorandum dated June 25, 2002. This memorandum addresses the transportation elements of the application.

Pilgrim A.M.E. Church filed the application. The property is bounded on the east by 17th Street which is a local street, on the west by a row dwelling unit, on the north by Gales Street, also a local street and on the south by an alley. The property is zoned residential (R-4) and is presently used as corner grocery store that is no longer operational.

The owner is requesting a special exception to convert the present use of the property into a religious multi-purpose center. Some of the activities include community – oriented forums, bible study, counseling and job placement.

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Although there is no parking provision in the proposed use, there are free curbside parking spaces on the street without restriction. Our inspection indicates that there are readily available public transportation on nearby Benning Road available to the volunteers that may be working at the facility. The property is also well maintained and will be of great asset to the neighborhood.

Therefore, from the transportation standpoint, the proposed use will not have an adverse traffic or parking impact on the neighboring residential area. Accordingly, District Department of Transportation has no objection to the proposal.