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DATE: SEP 10 2003

SUBJECT: BZA Application No.17053 - Special exception to construct an Addition to the Washington Seniors Wellness Center at 3001 Alabama Avenue, SE

The Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other material submitted by the Office of Zoning. This memorandum addresses the transportation elements of the proposal.

The applicant, the Government of the District Columbia Office on Aging, requests a special exception to allow the construction of an addition to the existing Washington Seniors Wellness Center. The Center provides social, educational and recreational programs to promote the health habits of the neighborhood and Ward 7 senior population. According to the applicant, the program offered at the center no longer is accommodated in the current facilities. The proposed addition to the existing building will allow the existing programs to better function.

The center serves a population between 75 to 80 seniors on a daily basis. The primary hours of operation are from 9: 00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility employs 6 full-time staff and 4 part-time employees and provides 10 parking spaces to accommodate employees and visitors.

The road network serving the property includes 30th Street, a local street and, Alabama Avenue, a minor arterial. The site is well served by several bus routes along Alabama Avenue. These routes link the site to the Metrorail System on the Green Line.

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As stated previously, the proposed addition and renovation is to accommodate and enhance the current program. The expansion will not increase the number of senior citizens, nor will it increase the number of employees on the site. The applicant states that many seniors are transported to and from the site by private bus, van or by Metrobuses running on Alabama Avenue with a bus stop adjacent to the building.

In summary, the proposed addition and renovation will not increase the on-site population and will not generate additional vehicular trips to and from the center. Accordingly, the Department of Transportation supports the project.

Cc: Andrew Altman, OP