GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

MEMORANDUM

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Director, Office of Zoning

From: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director

Date: April 12, 2004

Subject: BZA Application 17145
Former Convention Center Interim Use

The DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) was forwarded a copy of the above referenced application for informational purposes on February 11, 2004. DDOT was recently asked to attend the April 13, 2004 hearing to provide testimony regarding this Application. Our agency comments are summarized below.

DDOT has been coordinating this project with the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, the Office of Planning and other District agencies. Our main comments have focused on the use of the proposed parking facility and on access points to the site. Our recommendations for interim use of the parking facility are as follows:

1. Short-term Tour Bus Parking. Initially DDOT requested approximately 50 tour bus parking spaces, but would be willing to compromise with a lower number of tour bus spaces, but no fewer than 30 spaces. Tour buses should be allowed daily multiple in and out access. We do not support use of the parking facility for convention center related bus parking. By prior agreement, these buses were to be parked at a remote facility.

2. Short-term Automobile Parking. Parking for short-term downtown visitors and shoppers. Daily commuter parking and monthly contract parking should **not** be allowed.

3. Short-term parking for Shaw neighborhood church-related functions.

4. Convention Center Parking for limited events. With Washington Convention Center Authority validation, parking for regional convention center activities such as automobile shows and garden shows, which typically attract automobile traffic from around the region, may be allowed.

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The Department's goal in establishing these priorities is to allow short-term parking in support of local business and community activities, but not support commuter parking which would increase congestion and air pollution in the downtown area.

Our preferred method of access to the parking facility would be to provide vehicular access points at New York Avenue and 10th Street NW, 9th and Eye Street, NW and H Street and 10th Street NW. DDOT will continue to work with the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, the Office of Planning and others regarding detailed vehicular access issues.