GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director

Date: May 17, 2004

Subject: BZA Application 17145
Former Convention Center Interim Use

The DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) was forwarded a copy of the proposed site plan for the interim use of the Former Convention Center site as a short-term parking facility. We strongly support the interim use of this site for short-term parking and for tour bus parking.

DDOT has reviewed the proposed access points on 9th Street, NW, H Street NW, and 11th Street, NW and is general agreement with their locations. DDOT will continue to coordinate with the Washington Convention Center Authority and their design consultants to ensure that these access points are designed so as to accommodate the turning movements of tour buses.

DDOT has been in consultation with the Washington Convention Center and their traffic consultants to complete a traffic study to assess the impact of this parking facility on the local street network. DDOT will use the results of this traffic study to ensure that traffic signals and other traffic control measures are implemented to address safety needs and minimize traffic congestion.

Finally, we do not support use of this site for all day parking for commuters and request that financial disincentives and other measures be employed to discourage this type of use.

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