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SUBJECT: Sidwell Friends School, 3825 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
BZA Application Number 17149

In a memorandum dated June 1, 2004, The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) submitted its testimony to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding the above referenced case. This memorandum will provide, for the record, a response to questions that were submitted by Ms. Barbara Beelar to DDOT and the BZA.

To clarify the issue of vehicular drop off and pick up on 37th Street, according to the Sidwell Friends School Transportation Study as performed by Wells & Associates, the total current drop off and pick up activity on 37th Street for Sidwell Friends School is 240 automobiles. This is broken down into 189 vehicles during the AM Peak and 51 vehicles during the PM Peak. Of these 240, 136 vehicles are those that drop off or pick up 7th and 8th grade students. Sidwell Friends School proposes to restrict drop off and pick up activity on 37th Street, NW to 5th and 6th Grade students only, all other students would arrive at Wisconsin Avenue, NW. With the removal of these vehicles from 37th Street, this would result in a total reduction of 104 vehicles. The AM Peak would be reduced from 189 to 96; the PM Peak would be reduced from 51 to 40 vehicles.

DDOT conducted its own survey of 37th traffic in May 2004. However, the data collected by DDOT showed no major discrepancies between our data and that the data found in the Sidwell Friends School Transportation Study. On one Monday when DDOT was collecting data, school was not in session. During this day, there was a decrease in vehicular traffic on 37th Street, however, the vehicular traffic when school is in session still falls well within the capacity that a local road has been designed to carry.

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DDOT believes with the addition of the parking garage to the Sidwell Friends School campus, coupled with an expected increase of mass transit usage, overflow parking will be insignificant. DDOT does not support overflow parking for staff and students, but recognizes it may be inevitable until mass transit usage increases and the garage is completed. The *proposed* parking hierarchy was developed to direct School visitors to nearby streets.

Regarding curbside parking regulations, spaces are available for vehicles with Ward 3 Residential Parking Permits (RPP) on the south curb of the 3700 block of Quebec Street, NW and the north curb of the 3700 block of Upton Street, NW. Unrestricted spaces are available along portions of the west curb of 3900 block of 37th Street and the north curb of the 3700 block of Quebec Street.

Additionally, on-street parking does not have any impact on a street's Level of Service.