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Memorandum

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DATE: June 8, 2005

SUBJECT: BZA Application No. 17320 – St. Albans School
3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW – Request for Special Exception

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the above project, which entails constructing additional academic facilities, modifying existing athletic fields, and building an underground performing arts facility. The proposal will not increase the number of students, but may include a nine-person increase in faculty and staff. The proposal will provide 9 additional parking spaces for a total of 163 spaces.

The School is located on the Close of the Washington National Cathedral in the 3100 block of Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The traffic study conducted by the applicant indicates that daily traffic volumes are not likely increase, so the level of service (LOS) remains the same at all intersections. However, the additional 325 seats provided by the performing arts center will likely generate an increase of 116 automobiles. The applicant has stated that there are generally 10 performances per year, but does not specify whether there will be an increase in the number of events to be held in the new facility.

Although the study analyzed the future signalized intersection of North Road and Wisconsin Avenue, it does not state what the impact will be upon the adjacent intersections of Woodley Road and Wisconsin Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue, and Woodley Road and 34th Street. With events currently scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm, such an increase could interfere with rush hour traffic, which extends until 6:30 pm. Therefore DDOT recommends that performances begin no earlier than 7:30 pm to avoid this potential conflict.

As there is no increase in enrollment, and the faculty/staff will only increase by nine persons, the proposed addition will have a minimal affect upon the existing level of



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service of the surrounding street system except on evenings when performances are scheduled. From a transportation standpoint, the project will not have an adverse impact on the area road network except on performance nights. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the project on the condition that the applicant adjusts the performance times and the National Cathedral proceeds with the planned construction of an underground parking garage to provide adequate parking.

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