

# Government of the District of Columbia


## Department of Transportation



### d. Planning and Sustainability Division

#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

**FROM:** Anna Chamberlin, AICP   
Associate Director

**DATE:** November 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 20558 – 3622 Patterson Street NW

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#### APPLICATION

Yi-Ru Chen and Carolynn Race (jointly the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle D § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2, requests a special exception from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle D § 306.1 to construct a one-story, rear porch addition, to an existing, detached, two-story plus cellar, principal dwelling unit. The site is located in the R-1-B Zone at 3622 Patterson Street NW (Square 1999, Lot 62) and served by a 12-foot public alley.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action will not have adverse impacts on the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application.

#### STREETScape AND PUBLIC REALM

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of the public realm design. If any portion of this or future projects at the property propose elements within District owned right-of-way, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process. It is noted that the site has a 15-foot Building Restriction Line (BRL) along the Patterson Street NW frontage. The area between the property line and BRL is regulated as if it is DDOT public space and should remain park-like in nature. DDOT expects the adjacent public realm to meet all District standards. The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the [DCMR](#), the most recent version of DDOT’s [Design and Engineering Manual \(DEM\)](#), and the [Public Realm Design Manual](#) for public space regulations and design guidance. A permit application can be filed through the DDOT [Transportation Online Permitting System](#) (TOPS) website.

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