

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: January 21, 2022

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 20603 – 1709 17th Street NW

APPLICATION

Abdollah Poozesh (the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle G § 609.1, Subtitle G § 1200, and Subtitle X § 902.1, requests a special exception from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 605.2 to construct a 500 SF rear addition to an existing, attached, three-story with basement, mixed use building. The site is located in the MU-18 Zone at 1709 17th Street NW (Square 178, Lot 87) and is not served by a public alley

RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action may lead to an increase in vehicle, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle trips on the localized transportation network. In addition, the project may result in increased pick-up and drop-off activity and slightly reduced availability of on-street parking within the immediate area. Despite these minor potential impacts, DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application.

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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. 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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