

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



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MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: *KB* Kelsey Bridges
Neighborhood Planning Branch Manager

DATE: June 18, 2026

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 21452 – 3817 Jenifer Street NW

APPLICATION

Sarah and Carl O'Briant (jointly the "Applicant"), pursuant to Title 11 of the *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR)*, request the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) grant a Special Exception to the rear yard requirements of Subtitle D § 207.1 and the side yard requirements of Subtitle D § 208.2 to construct a one-story addition to an existing accessory garage connected to the existing principal dwelling unit. The site is in the R-1B Zone at 3817 Jenifer Street NW (Square 1855, Lot 38) and is 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. If any portion of this or future projects at the property propose elements within District-owned right-of-way or the building restriction area, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space construction permit. It is noted that the site has a 15-foot Building Restriction Line (BRL) along the Jenifer Street NW frontage. The area between the property line and BRL is the building restriction area, which is regulated like DDOT public space and should remain "park-like" with landscaping.

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](#), 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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HERITAGE AND SPECIAL TREES

According to the District's [Tree Size Estimator map](#), the property has one (1) Special Tree. DDOT expects that the Applicant coordinate with the Ward 3 Arborist regarding the preservation and protection of existing Special trees.

Special Trees are between 44 inches and 99.99 inches in circumference. Special Trees may be removed with a permit. However, if a Special Tree is designated to remain by UFD, a Tree Protection Plan (TPP) will be required.

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