

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**Transportation Policy and Planning Administration**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Carol Mitten  
Chair of the DC Zoning Commission

**From:** Ken Laden *KG Laden*  
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**Date:** June 27, 2007

**Subject:** **DC Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A**  
**Addendum: Width of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW ROW**

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In its report to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission dated May 31, 2007, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) indicated that past planning efforts for the reopening of 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW had assumed a 110-foot public right of way to match the l'Enfant Plan and the street alignment to the north of Eye Street SW.

The Waterfront LLC Planned Unit Development (PUD) application proposes to construct 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW on a 90-foot right of way. After further consideration, DDOT is amenable to this approach. Both the planned function of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the engineering design documents that DDOT has completed can and are accommodated within a 90-foot right of way.

Since 4<sup>th</sup> Street is intended to act as a local street with a pedestrian orientation - as opposed to an arterial roadway designed to carry high volumes of vehicle traffic - it should be possible to fit all necessary surface and subsurface infrastructure within a 90-foot cross section including appropriate sidewalk space, planting areas, vehicle parking lanes, travel lanes, traffic calming measures, and utilities.

So long as the 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW right of way is controlled by DDOT through either fee simple ownership or an easement that is subject to all District public space reviews, permits, inspections, and approvals, DDOT sees no problem with supporting the Waterfront, LLC site plan as it relates to 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Please refer to the original May 31<sup>st</sup> report to see other recommendations and/or conditions, which DDOT has identified for positive refinements to the project.

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