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Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

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Subject: **ZC Case No. 03-32 – Special Exception Application by Cornell University to Expand Campus and Amend Approved Campus Plan Located at 2148 O Street, NW, Square 69, Lot 821, in a R-5-B District**

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other materials for the subject site. This memorandum addresses the transportation impacts of the application.

The applicant and property owner, Cornell University, seeks a special exception to expand the Campus to include the basement level of the building and amend the Approved Campus Plan to reflect the addition. Cornell University has occupied the first-floor of the site for the past 20 years as an institution for higher learning and this area is identified as the Cornell University Campus and allows qualified students from all colleges within the Cornell University system an opportunity to earn full academic credit for a semester in Washington, DC.

The subject building was previously used as a 35-unit apartment building and contains four stories and a basement. Currently the three upper-floors has a certificate of occupancy as an apartment house and contains 27 dwelling units used as housing for staff and students; they are not part of this application. The basement level is vacant and will be renovated to provide additional room for research and programs. Enrollment will remain at the current level of 75 students.

No parking is provided on the project site. The applicant states that students are prohibited from bringing vehicles with them to the campus unless they provide evidence to the Executive Director of the program that their vehicles will be parked on private

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property, not on area public streets, for the term of their enrollment. Furthermore, Cornell University does not permit or authorize any student to apply for residential parking permits. The site is within walking distance to the Foggy Bottom and Dupont Circle Metrorail Stations and is served by several bus routes that traverse 22nd Street and P Street, NW.

The proposed expansion of the campus will not negatively impact parking on local roads or create objectionable traffic conditions. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the application.

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