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DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

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Subject: ZC 06-09 – Application by Howard University for a Special Exception to Allow for a Interim Off-Campus Use as a Parking Lot Located at Square 2872, Lots 266-271, 803, 820, 822, 823 and 824

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other materials for the subject site DDOT has no objections to the project

The applicant, Howard University, seeks special exception approval from the Office of Zoning to allow for the interim use of an off-campus parking lot at the subject site, a triangular shaped lot bordered by Florida Avenue, NW to the west, Barry Place, NW to the north and Sherman Avenue, NW to the east and an existing 2-story commercial building to the south The lot is primarily vacant except for three existing residential buildings that will be demolished The site is located just outside of the Howard University Campus Plan boundaries that end at Sherman Avenue, NW.

The proposed parking lot will be surrounded by a metal fence with brick piers and include landscaped areas. The proposed driveway entrance is to be located off Florida Avenue, NW, using an existing curb-cut, and the parking lot will be paved with bituminous concrete and the 27 parking spaces will be marked by yellow striping and include concrete wheel stops The lot is a short walk to the main campus and will primarily serve faculty but may also accommodate students.

The application is for interim use of a parking lot however the applicant does not provide a proposed time limit DDOT recommends that, if approved, the parking lot be approved for a time period not to exceed five years DDOT also recommends the applicant modify the proposed driveway entrance so that it is aligned at a 90° angle to the Florida Avenue, NW curb-face Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the application, provided the applicant modify the design of the driveway entrance as listed above, and the time limit for special approval not exceed five years.