


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



**d. Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sara Bardin  
Director, Office of Zoning

**FROM:** Samuel Zimbabwe   
Associate Director

**DATE:** March 26, 2015

**SUBJECT:** ZC Case No. 13-08 – 1333 Alabama Avenue SE – Supplemental Report

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The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the Applicant's Post-Hearing Statement submitted on March 16, 2015 and would like to address the Applicant proposed condition regarding the traffic signal at Alabama Avenue, SE and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SE.

As noted in our January 12, 2015 report, the proposed action is expected to generate a significant number of new transit and vehicular trips during the weekday peak hours. Capacity analysis results show significant site generated impacts at the intersections of 15th Street and 15th Place, SE causing two approaches to reach failing conditions. The Applicant states that their contribution to traffic along this corridor is not as high as the expected future development of the St. Elizabeths campus, thus they are only willing to contribute up to 25% of the cost of a signal. As part of the St. Elizabeths campus planning process, a vigorous environmental analysis, including an evaluation of transportation facilities was completed. The process identified various transportation mitigations measures along the corridor, none of which included the need for a signal at 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SE.

It is DDOT's position that the Applicant should be required to fund a new signal at Alabama Avenue, SE and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. and requests that the Applicant create an escrow fund of \$350,000 to fund a full signal installation.

To determine if a signal is necessary, the Applicant will be expected to complete a full warrant analysis as part of the public space permitting process including existing conditions. If a signal is warranted, the Applicant would be required to install a full signal. If it is not warranted, DDOT may waive this condition and release the funds from escrow. As a matter of policy, DDOT will not accept a partial payment for a signal not planned for construction, but necessitated by development.

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