

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Zoning Commission

FROM: Meredith Soniat *MS*
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DATE: January 3, 2025

SUBJECT: ZC Case No. 16-18H – Georgetown Campus Shaw Lights

APPLICATION

Georgetown University (the “Applicant”) requests an amendment to and further processes of the Hilltop Campus Plan to authorize the construction of field lighting for Shaw Field. The Campus Plan was approved by the Zoning Commission (ZC) in 2016 through ZC Order No. 16-18 for the period of 2017 through 2036 and was subsequently amended through ZC Order No.’s 16-18A through 16-18G.

SUMMARY OF DDOT REVIEW

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is committed to achieving an exceptional quality of life by encouraging sustainable travel practices, safer streets, and outstanding access to goods and services. To achieve this vision, DDOT works through the zoning process to ensure that impacts from new developments are manageable within and take advantage of the District’s multi-modal transportation network and, as necessary, propose mitigations that are commensurate with the action. After an extensive review of the case materials submitted by the Applicant, DDOT finds:

- The proposal for installing field lighting for Shaw Field will not have an impact on the District’s transportation network.

RECOMMENDATION

DDOT has no objection to the approval of this Campus Plan modification.

CONTINUED COORDINATION

The Applicant is expected to continue to work with DDOT on the following matters outside of this Campus Plan modification:

- The Applicant will be required to obtain public space permits for any elements of the project proposed in public space.

TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS

DDOT has reviewed of the submitted plans, application materials, and October 21, 2024 Transportation Statement ([Exhibit 3L](#)) to assess the project’s consistency with the District’s vision for an equitable and sustainable transportation system that delivers safe and convenient ways to move people, goods, and services. The project will not generate additional trips; affect site access; impact loading, vehicular parking, or bicycle parking; or impact the streetscape or public realm.

HERITAGE AND SPECIAL TREES

According to the District’s [Tree Size Estimator map](#), there are no Heritage or Special Trees near the proposed field lights.

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