

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6561



**FORMER WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER SITE
INTERIM PARKING LOT
900 9th Street, NW, Washington DC**

Submitted by the Washington Convention Center Authority

February 3, 2005

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(e) and Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b) (1)).

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The Commission:

Approves the concept design plans for an Interim Parking Lot at the former Washington Convention Center site at 900 9th Street, N.W., Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 21.00(49.00)41536, for a period not to exceed five years.

Recommends that, during development of preliminary and final plans for the interim parking lot, the WCCA:

- Provide additional information on the art corridor that includes material samples for all major elements within this primary pedestrian circulation space.
- Explore alternative landscaping treatment using natural plant materials along the pedestrian art corridor between New York Avenue and H Street.
- Ensure that the art banners along the art corridor are limited to works of art and do not include commercial advertisements.
- Use the most currently available and reliable technology for the parking ticketing / payment system that would facilitate vehicle movement into and out of the parking lot.
- Use more subdued colors to mark vehicle parking and circulation areas.

- Incorporate way-finding information such as Metrorail stations, bus stops, and nearby attractions on the illuminated kiosks that mark pedestrian entrances to the parking lot.

Expects that 10th and I Streets will be reopened to vehicular traffic when the permanent re-development plans for the former Convention Center site are implemented in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement executed in 1995 for the construction of the MCI Center.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission