



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT CENTER
PARKING GARAGE
Benning Road, NE at Minnesota Avenue, NE
Washington, DC**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

November 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final design of the Parking Garage for the District of Columbia Government Center at Benning Road, NE and Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC as shown on NCPC Map File No. 81.00(49.00)41494.

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The District of Columbia Office of Property Management (DCOPM) has submitted a preliminary and final design submission for the parking garage at the planned DC Government Center located at Benning Road, NE and Minnesota Avenue, NE, adjacent to the Benning Road Metro Station. The project is outside of the central area of the District of Columbia. The District and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) developed an agreement for a one-to-one replacement of the existing 333 parking spaces displaced by the Government Center development. In addition the planned adjacent garage provides 135 parking spaces for the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) building which is currently in the preliminary design phase. The four-story garage will be located adjacent to the Metro station and tracks and will be clad with brick veneer and concrete panels. The stair and elevator towers will be enclosed with glass curtain wall and provide ground-level access to both the Metro Station and the DOES building.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its meeting on November 10, 2004. Staff has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion as specified by Section 8 of the NCPC Environmental Procedures. The project is outside the Central Area and is therefore not subject to Section 106 review. DCOPM has done an assessment on cultural resources and has determined that a Phase I archaeological survey in the northern portion of the site and an archaeological evaluation of the three houses to be acquired and demolished for the new access

road be undertaken. DCOPM is working directly with the D.C. Historic Preservation Division and will complete the survey prior to the start of construction.

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