

**U.S. NAVAL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, ANACOSTIA ANNEX
ENTRY SECURITY UPGRADE**

Firth Sterling Avenue and South Capitol Street, SE, Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

February 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for entry security upgrades at the Naval District of Washington, Anacostia Annex, Firth Sterling Avenue and South Capitol Street, SE, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 84.21(38.00)41291.

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The Department of the Navy (Navy) has submitted a proposal to upgrade entrance security at its Anacostia Annex at Firth Sterling Avenue and South Capitol Street, SE. This entrance was improved prior to September 11, 2001. Subsequently, enhanced security requirements mandated the need to upgrade this entrance. Currently, this entrance is comprised of two sets of swing gates with a guardhouse. The approach to the gates is approximately 75 feet wide from South Capitol Street and provides a straight approach run of over 400 feet. The gates are ornamental iron and swing outward. The guardhouse is brick and is the only security feature. The proposed upgrade would harden the guardhouse by replacing all of the glass with bullet-proof glass and placing a row of eight decorative bollards directly in front of its east side that faces incoming traffic. Vehicle barriers would be placed in sets in the incoming and exiting traffic lanes and would be located behind the ornamental iron gates. These barriers would incorporate stop lights and not be striped. Other features of the upgraded security at this gate include pedestrian turnstiles and an under-vehicle surveillance system.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its January 14, 2004 meeting. The Navy has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act. The Navy further advises that no historic properties would be affected by the project.

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