

**WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, MAIN CAMPUS  
TEMPORARY CANOPIES  
14<sup>th</sup> and Dahlia Streets, NW**

**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 temporary canopies to be located at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Main Campus, 14<sup>th</sup> and Dahlia Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 62.10(38.00)-41317, for a period of two years.

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The Department of the Army (Army) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the installation of temporary canopies at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Main Campus, in northwest Washington, D.C. WRAMC is bounded on the north by Fern Place and Alaska Avenue, on the south by Aspen Street, on the east by Georgia Avenue and on the west by 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The temporary canopies are proposed for four locations adjacent to existing entrance gates of the campus. They would be located at the Georgia Avenue and Dahlia Street entrance, the Georgia Avenue and Elder Street entrance, the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Alaska Avenue entrance, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. The canopies are intended to mitigate the harsh weather conditions that occupants of inspected vehicles are exposed to when their vehicles are inspected as part of the installation's anti-terrorism procedures. They would extend across the portion of the entrance roadway where the search is being conducted so that the inspectors and occupants are shielded from the elements. The canopies would consist of a tan translucent polyvinyl material that would be stretched over a galvanized steel frame. The canopy shape would be a segmented arch with a maximum height of 25 feet, and vary in size to fit the particular entrance location. The Army advises that permanent canopies are currently being designed and will replace the temporary canopies within three years. Consistent with the Commission's policy on security improvements, the temporary canopies should be approved for two years.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its February 11, 2004 meeting. The Army has determined that the proposal qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act. The Army further advises that the proposal would have no effect under the procedures of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with this determination.

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