



**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPLACEMENT OF PARAPET WALL AND SIDEWALK**  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

March 25, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site development plans to construct new replacement wall extensions, reconstruct existing sidewalk surfaces, reconstruct an existing screening wall, and install a steel guardrail as a reinforcement element, at the Department of Housing and Urban Development building, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.73(05.17)-41332.

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Preliminary and final site development plans have been submitted by the General Services Administration (GSA) for development of a replacement screening wall and sidewalk at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition, approximately 350 feet in length of replacement sidewalk would be installed that would be designed to match the existing sidewalk at the front of the HUD building. All sidewalk widths would remain the existing widths of approximately eight feet on Seventh Street and 10 feet at D Street.

The preliminary and final site plans also include the introduction of a low painted steel guardrail behind the screening wall and the re-establishment of shrubbery at the front or sides of the wall once all work is completed. The replacement screening wall at D Street would match, as close as possible, the existing wall design at that location and shall adhere to this requirement. A solid screening wall would be constructed at the edge of the existing parking area at 7th Street and Frontage Drive to complement the existing free-standing wall adjacent to the parking spaces.

The project, which involves no built floor area, would have no adverse impact on land uses or environmental resources of the building site. GSA coordinated the project's review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and determined the proposal does not affect the existing building or street rights-of-way in any fashion and consequently does not impact historic resources. A Categorical Exclusion has been determined by GSA and reviewed by NCPC staff finding that the exclusion is acceptable. The Coordinating Committee coordinated the proposal at its March 10, 2004 meeting.

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Executive Director