



NORTH PEDESTRIAN OFFICER'S BOOTH
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

July 29, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve preliminary and final site and building plans for the North Pedestrian Officer's Booth at the Treasury Building at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 21.00(38.00) 41410

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the installation of an officer's booth in the north plaza of the Treasury Building. The guard booth is now installed on the 15th Street sidewalk during the reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets, NW. The Treasury would like to move it to a permanent location near the north entrance to the building. The booth, measuring approximately 6 feet by 6 feet, is constructed of galvanized steel, painted white, with the upper half of the walls glazed and a hipped roof. It is identical to other pedestrian booths, each manned by one officer, throughout President's Park. A nearby booth is located on East Executive Avenue just inside the fence line, for example. The purpose of the booth is to provide shelter for the officer who will check the credentials of those with appointments entering the north gate of the fence and descending the stairs to the plaza level. The booth will be placed near the base of the stairs leading from the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk to the plaza level. The exact location has been determined by the U.S. Secret Service. Except to a pedestrian immediately adjacent to the booth, the booth will not block views of the historic building or of the statue of Albert Gallatin. I find the proposal to be consistent with the high standards for security design established for President's Park.

The project was coordinated by all agencies attending the Coordinating Committee meeting on July 14, 2004. The Treasury Department has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. The Treasury Building is a National Historic Landmark. The D.C. State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with the Treasury Department's determination of No Adverse Effect; Section 106 review for this project has been completed.

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Executive Director