

**HIGHWAY PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS
IN SQUARES 5318, 5319, AND 5320
BOUNDED BY F STREET, DRAKE PLACE, G STREET AND BENNING ROAD, SE
Washington, D.C.
(S.O. 05-8132)**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

April 27, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I find that the proposed highway plan amendment to establish a new horseshoe shaped public street that will begin and end at 51st Street SE, a new public street that will be bounded by 51st Street SE and G Street SE, and two new public alleys, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 81.10(44.40)42009, (S.O. 05-8132), would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and would not have any adverse impact on the federal interest.

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The D.C. Office of the Surveyor has submitted a proposal for a highway plan amendment to establish public streets and alleys in the District of Columbia. The proposal is being initiated as a result of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for property located in Squares 5318, 5319, and 5320. The general boundaries of the area are F Street SE, Drake Place SE, G Street SE and Benning Road SE. The site is part of the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Eastgate HOPE VI redevelopment project. The proposed PUD project is intended to replace the former Eastgate Gardens public housing complex, which was demolished in the 1990s. By delegated action of the executive director on March 2, 2006, the Commission found that the PUD would not adversely affect the federal interest or be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. The proposed unit mix for the site aims to create a healthy, sustainable mixed-income neighborhood that complements on-going revitalization projects in the Marshall Heights area. There are several National Park Service parks within one mile of this proposal. The proposed action would not adversely affect any federal interests. The action is also not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its April 12, 2006 meeting. The proposal was coordinated by all participating agencies. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the

National Environmental Policy Act, staff has independently reviewed the submitted proposal and has determined the plan is a categorical exclusion in conformance with the NCPC requirements under §8(C)(13) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies. The National Capital Planning Commission is responsible for conducting review of this proposed highway plan amendment with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The DC SHPO has concurred with NCPC's determination that the proposal would not affect historic resources listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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