



**PENTAGON RESERVATION
INTERIM NORTH ROTARY ROAD RELOCATION
Arlington County, Virginia**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

May 31, 2007

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site development plans pursuant to 40U.S.C. 8722(b)(11), for the interim relocation of North Rotary Road for a period not to exceed two years, including relocation of temporary security and screening facilities (guard booths) at the Pentagon Reservation, in Arlington County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.12(38.00)42244.

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The Department of Defense (DoD) has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for the interim relocation of North Rotary Road, currently at the northern edge of the Pentagon's south parking area. The interim relocation will establish the permanent road position reflected in the master plan and set the framework for the permanent "South Parking Pedestrian Plaza" projected for 2009-2010. The road will be relocated to the south farther away from the building to achieve the required stand-off distance, and will separate secure from non-secure parking. Temporary existing security and screening facilities (guard booths) will be relocated to align with the relocated Rotary Road. Rated bollards will be installed along the road and at the entrance to the Pentagon Memorial to the Victims of September 11, 2001. Fern Street will be extended to the Metro Entrance Facility. Traffic, including public bus transit, Pentagon Memorial drop-off, ridesharing, and construction trucks will be rerouted. In response to staff comments, the applicant has incorporated additional improvements to pedestrian and truck circulation near the Memorial entrance. Once the Memorial construction is completed, the truck entrance will no longer be needed to screen trucks.

DoD completed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Pentagon Master Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) on May 20, 2005. The proposed road relocation is covered by the FONSI and the Master Plan EA approved by the Commission at its June 6, 2006 meeting.

Under Master Plan Alternative A, roadway and pedestrian improvements recommended included a clearly defined loop system in the South Parking area outside the security stand-off limit for the Pentagon Building. The loop road would be a two-lane, one-way system, with a North Rotary Road and South Rotary Road. At the time, staff found minor environmental effects and their mitigation supportable and defined by the EA evaluation. Cumulative effects of the proposed action were identified and considered in the EA. DoD has concluded its Section 106 consultation with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VA SHPO), which concurs with DoD's determination of no adverse effect for the Master Plan on historic properties.

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