



**MCPHERSON SQUARE METRO STATION
SECURITY GRILLES**
Intersection of I Street and Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
and the General Services Administration

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

July 3, 2008

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of two security grilles at McPherson Square Metro Station at the intersection of I Street and Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 20.00(38.00)42574

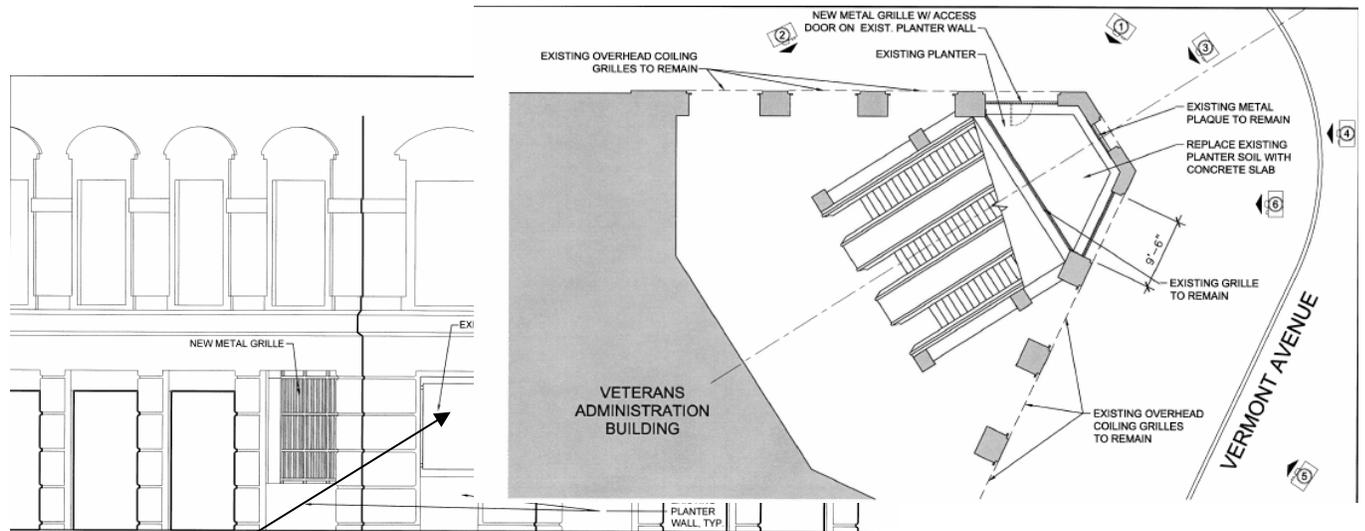
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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the General Services Administration (GSA) have requested preliminary and final approval of site and building plans for the construction of two security grilles at the west entrance of McPherson Square Metro Station. The west entrance is located under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters, a GSA owned building, at the corner of I Street and Vermont Avenue, NW. The grilles will be used to close off the triangular planter area at the northeastern section of the metro entrance and prevent public access to the area. The proposed grilles will use the same material, color, and design as an existing adjacent grille and will be aligned with the building's existing stone pattern.

WMATA was granted a permanent surface easement from GSA for the McPherson Square Metro Station west entrance in 1983. The permanent surface easement gives WMATA the right to construct and maintain Metrorail related facilities under and at the McPherson Square Metro Station west entrance. In 1975, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was conducted to study the long-term impacts of construction and operation of a regional rapid transit system. Covered within the EIS were acquisitions of permanent surface easements. GSA has analyzed this project in accordance with the 1975 EIS with due consideration to planning, architecture, and operational factors, and found that it is covered by the scope of the EIS. The project was referred to the District of Columbia Office of Historic Preservation which found no adverse effect from the proposed project. Section 106 review is complete. NCPC staff has independently

reviewed the project information and has determined the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion in conformance with the NCPC requirements under §8(C)(2) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the proposal among participating agencies at its meeting on June 18, 2008. The participating agencies were NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation; the Department of Housing and Community Development; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.



Vermont Avenue, NW
Grille

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