



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT 2nd and N Streets NE Streetscape Improvements and Plaza ATF Headquarters 99 New York Avenue, NE Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7394
SUBMITTED BY United States General Services Administration	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 42.00(38.00)43610
	ACTION TAKEN Final approval of site development plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The General Services Administration (GSA) has requested preliminary and final approval of site plans for streetscape improvements at the intersection of 2nd and N Streets NE, adjacent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Headquarters site. The project site is directly adjacent to the NOMA-Gallaudet/New York Avenue Metro Station and a private property. The goal of the project is to create a public plaza which will be safer, more inviting for pedestrians, and improve circulation between the Metro station and adjacent properties. The road curves at the intersection and the majority of this space will be reclaimed for pedestrians by raising this section of the roadway and creating a “table-top” condition that will be flush to the plaza. The raised, “table-top” portion of the roadway will be narrowed to 25 feet and act as a traffic-calming measure. This portion of the roadway will be paved to match the plaza paving so that the roadway appears to part of the larger plaza area. In addition, new paving in-lays in the plaza will connect to the surrounding sidewalks, and street trees along with street lights will be installed. Bollards will be added along the edge of the roadway where the road curves, but the bollards will be installed 6 feet on center and are intended as a safety measure rather than a security element. The streetscape improvements will increase the space available to pedestrians, improve circulation, and create a visual connection between the adjacent businesses and Metro station. The project has been coordinated between the adjacent private property owner, WMATA, DDOT, ATF, and the NoMA BID.

Pursuant to its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), GSA determined that this project is covered by its categorical exclusion Section 5.3(f) which pertains to the outlease or license of government-controlled space, or sublease of government-leased space to a non-Federal tenant when the use will remain substantially the same. NCPC staff has independently reviewed the project information and has determined that the project meets NCPC’s categorical exclusion §8(C)(2) of the Commission’s Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. Prior to applying this categorical exclusion, NCPC staff determined that no extraordinary circumstances were present as required by the Commission’s NEPA procedures. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, GSA and NCPC determined that the project will have no adverse effects on

historic properties and the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with this finding.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its August 15, 2012 meeting and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services; the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer.

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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 plans for the 2nd and N Street, NE streetscape improvements and plaza adjacent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Headquarters site, 99 New York Avenue, NE Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 42.00(38.00)43610.

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