



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT

Covered Walkways and Bus Shelter
Naval Support Activity Bethesda
8901 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland

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7689

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER

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SUBMITTED BY

United States Department of Defense
Department of the Navy

ACTION TAKEN

Preliminary and final approval of
site and building plans

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Federal Project in the Environs
per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The Department of the Navy submitted plans for the construction of the Covered Walkways and Bus Shelter Project at Naval Support Activity Bethesda (NSAB). The project will provide a bus shelter and a series of accessible, protected, well-lit pedestrian amenities between the wounded warrior housing (Buildings 60, 61, and 62) to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). The proposed project was included in, and consistent with, the installation's Master Plan approved by the Commission in November, 2013.

The bus shelter will provide a closed, air-conditioned space while offering convenient access to transportation vehicles. The structure will be 1,200 square feet and constructed from pre-fabricated, post-tensioned concrete to complement the character of existing, adjacent facilities. The covered walkways will provide open-air, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) compliant pedestrian pathways for wounded warriors to transit between their residence and the WRNMMC for treatment. The project will renovate the existing sidewalks expanding them to a minimum of six feet in width to accommodate two-way travel. The covered walkway structures will be a prefabricated steel roof and column clad in a masonry wrap consistent with existing canopy styles at the WRNMMC.

Pursuant to its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on December 11, 2013 the Navy submitted a categorical exclusion determination. The project meets the Navy's criteria for a categorical exclusion per the OPNAVINST 5090.1D, Environmental Readiness Program Manual, January 10, 2014, reference (b), Section 5-2.2 Table 5-2.1, No. 34, "new construction that is similar to existing land use and, when completed, the use or operation of which complies with existing regulatory requirements."

Pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Navy entered into consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), which serves as the State Historic Preservation Office. On May 20, 2015 the MHT concurred with the Navy's finding that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties

Given the project's location at NSAB, which is outside the District of Columbia, NCPC does not have independent responsibilities under the NEPA or the NHPA.

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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), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the Covered Walkways and Bus Shelter Project at the Naval Support Activity Bethesda in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

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