



Information Presentation

Commission Meeting: May 5, 2016

PROJECT White House Fence White House Complex 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7776
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PRESENTER National Park Service & United States Secret Service	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the United States Secret Service (USSS), will provide an information presentation regarding proposed improvements to the White House Complex perimeter fence and gates. The planned improvements will follow the existing fence alignment and will retain current gate access points. The first White House fence was installed around 1803 and has evolved over time to become the design currently in place. The proposed improvements are based on the existing fence, and a similar base and cap detail would be used. The fence piers would be reconstructed to be similar to the existing historic piers; however, the scale of these elements will be adjusted to accommodate the new proposed fence height. The existing light fixtures will be retained and reincorporated into the fence design. Anti-climb measures are also proposed for the top of the fence.

The Commission approved temporary improvements to the fence in May and July 2015. Since that time, NPS and USSS have evaluated a number of permanent security measures. Any proposed improvements should consider the historic setting of the White House, as well as views to and from the grounds. In addition, improvements should be designed to minimize impacts on the visitor experience. The need for security should be balanced with the visual quality of public space, and be sensitive to the historic setting of the White House, a National Historic Landmark.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Previous actions	May 2015 – Approval of Temporary Improvements to the Perimeter Fence (North & South) July 2015 – Approval of Temporary Improvement to the Perimeter Fence (All Sides)
Remaining actions (anticipated)	– Preliminary Approval – Final Approval

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Project Location