



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Roof Terrace Renovation - Phase 2</b> Harry S Truman Federal Building, United States Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7263
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of State	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 1.34(38.00)44428
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approve as requested
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

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The United States General Service Administration (GSA), on behalf of the Department of State (DOS), has submitted preliminary and final building plans for the phase two expansion of the eighth-floor roof terrace at the Harry S Truman Building (HST). The roof terrace, an integral component of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms, are used for major political events. The space has been renovated several times during the last 50 years. Most recently on September 1, 2011, the Commission approved phase one of the roof terrace renovation which includes the installation of green roof areas, granite stepping stones, and flowering trees set within freestanding planters at the east and west peripheral areas of the terrace. Within the central area of the roof terrace new granite pavers as well as circular granite benches with planters were placed directly below the existing skylights.

The proposed roof terrace renovation, located on the southwest corner of the HST building, expands the existing terrace to the west and includes an area of approximately 3,800 square-feet. This area of the rooftop has prominent views to 23rd Street to the west, C Street and the Lincoln Memorial to the south, and the Dean Acheson Auditorium to the north. The design replicates the materials and elements of the previous renovation, and continues the overall linear composition of the terrace. Currently, the portion of the roof included in the project, is not constructed for a terrace function and is covered with pavers to protect insulation. In addition, the area has a very low parapet. The project includes waterproof, and storm drainage work; installation of 2x2 granite pavers and supports, granite veneer inside of parapet wall, stainless steel seasonal planters, tree planters and extension of the ornamental aluminum and glass handrail currently installed on the existing south terrace. The project will include replacement of the outward facing glazing from the Diplomatic Reception Rooms to obscure the visible rough construction inside the Martha Washington Ladies Gallery. Lastly, in order to comply with current building codes, the project entails interior finish work to allow for the installation of a new entry door into the foyer of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), GSA has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CATEX), pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Public Building Service NEPA Desk Guide, October 1999. GSA is relying upon its CATEX #5.3(m), which applies to “repair to or replacement in kind of equipment or components in GSA-controlled facilities without

change in location, e.g. HVAC, electrical distribution systems, windows, doors or roof where there is no evidence of unresolved environmental issues. In addition, staff has reviewed the proposal and has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion pursuant to Section 8(C)(21) of NCPC's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures, which applies to the "review and approval of acquisition of occupiable space by lease acquisition, construction, or expansion, or improvement of an existing facility where all of the following conditions are met: (a) The structure and proposed use are in compliance with local planning and zoning and any applicable District of Columbia, state, or federal requirements; (b) The proposed use will not substantially increase the number of motor vehicles at the facility; (c) The site and the scale of construction are consistent with those of existing adjacent or nearby buildings; and (d) There is no evidence of community controversy or other environmental issues."

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer determined on September 13, 2016 that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties based on the condition that the terrace renovations, including the door installation, will match the work completed under the 2011 renovation. NCPC has elected to designate DOS as lead agency to satisfy the Commission's Section 106 responsibility.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its September 14, 2016 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 General Services Administration; the National Park Service; the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the District Department of Transportation.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final building plans for the eighth-floor Roof Terrace Renovation, Phase 2 at the Harry S Truman Building, United States Department of State Headquarters located at 2201 C Street, NW in Washington, DC.

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Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

September 29, 2016

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