Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT
Closing of a Public Street in Square 660
Half Street and Potomac Avenue, SW
Washington, DC

SUBMITTED BY
District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Office of the Surveyor

NCPC FILE NUMBER
8069

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER
24.40(44.40)44920

ACTION TAKEN
Approval of comments to the Council of the District of Columbia

REVIEW AUTHORITY
Advisory
Per DC Code § 9-202.02

The District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor has referred to the Commission for review and comment the closure of a portion of a right-of-way in Square 660, located in southeast Washington, DC. The 890 square-foot portion of right-of-way is near the intersection of Half Street, SW and Potomac Avenue, SW. It is currently undeveloped. The applicant is the owner of the adjacent parcel in the square (Lot 12).

The right-of-way does not appear to be a portion of the original L'Enfant Plan street network, but it was dedicated in 1935 for a railway extension into the Buzzard Point area. The railway no longer exists, and the right-of-way is no longer needed. The adjacent streets will continue to operate as they do today. No federal properties will be impacted by the closure of this portion of the right-of-way. As such, the closing generally would not be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project at their May 15, 2019 and forwarded the proposed alley closing to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with the following participating agencies: NCPC; the General Services Administration; the District State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO); the District Department of Energy and the Environment; and the National Park Service. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) stated the site will be used for construction staging for South Capitol Street improvement over the next two years, and compensation for disposition of the land will need to be discussed. As such, they will need to work with the applicant. The SHPO noted that the closure involves a portion of Half Street SW that is not a L'Enfant Street. Closing this portion of land will help to restore the original L'Enfant Street Plan in this area.

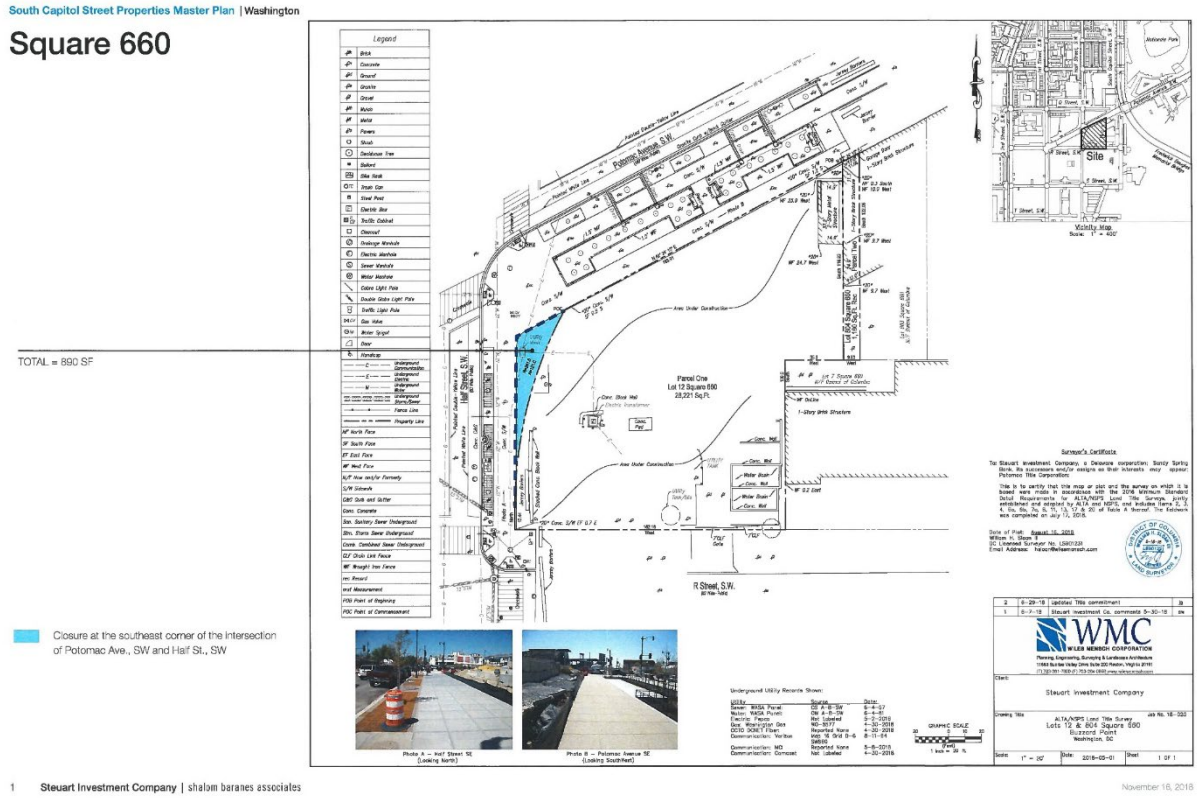

Figure 1: Plan view - area to be closed highlighted in blue

Figure 2: Existing condition - area to be closed highlighted in blue

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per DC Code § 9-202.02, I find that the proposed closing of a portion of a right-of-way in Square 660, located in southwest Washington, DC, would not be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would it adversely affect any other federal interests.

// Original Signed //	May 31, 2019
Marcel Acosta Executive Director	Date