



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT National Institutes of Health Fire House Addition Building 51, Center Drive Bethesda, Maryland 20892	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8054
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 3101.20(38.00)44888
	ACTION TAKEN Approved as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a new addition to the Fire House building (#51) garage. The new 2,400 square foot addition will enable interior storage of five additional fire/emergency vehicles, increasing garage capacity from 11 to 15. The new construction will extend from the existing west-facing façade of the apparatus garage, with the new exterior façade/doors aligning with the western corner of the fire house, designed to match the building's existing red-brick architecture, scale, and materials/finishes.

The project is consistent with the current 2013 NIH Main Campus Master Plan, and will not increase campus employment, employee/visitor parking, nor require removal of any trees based on its apron area siting. The project's stormwater management will be accommodated by existing on-site capacity. The project is not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, and will not adversely impact any federal properties, nor any other identified federal interests.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the proposed action was assessed using the Department of Health and Human Services' "Categorical Criteria Checklist" and NIH's "Environmental Assessment Criteria". Based on the assessment, NIH determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect the environment based on Category two (2), number fifteen (15), "Construction, or construction pursuant to a lease, of 12,000 square feet or less of occupiable space. As this project is in the environs, NCPC does not have any responsibilities under NEPA.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, NIH has determined that the project will have no effect on any historic structures on campus. As this project is in the environs, the Commission does not have any responsibilities under Section 106.



Figure 1 Existing NIH Fire House (Building 51) Garage



Figure 2 New Fire House (Building 51) Garage Addition

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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), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the new 2,400 square foot garage addition to the Building 51, Fire House on the Main Campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

// Original Signed //

March 1, 2019

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date