



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Pentagon Metro Entrance Facility Security Panel Installation Pentagon Reservation 1155 Defense Pentagon Arlington, Virginia	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8165
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Pentagon Force Protection Agency	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.62(00.00)45111
	ACTION TAKEN Approve preliminary and final site development plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) has submitted preliminary and final site development plans to install security panels for the protection of officers, visitors, and employees near the Pentagon Metrorail Station entrance. The project is necessary because the Metro Entrance Facility (MEF) Employee Pedestrian Access Control Point (PACP), NCPC File No. 6659, approved by the Commission in March 2017 has been cancelled. The MEF PACP was a permanent employee entrance providing protection for PFPA police officers at sentry stations and security screening for Department of Defense employees as they entered the Pentagon adjacent to the Pentagon Metrorail Station entrance. PFPA states the MEF PACP project will be redesigned and submitted for Commission approval in the future. However, in the interim, temporary protective measures are necessary.

As such, the proposed project is a temporary installation to provide additional protection for PFPA personnel stationed near the Metro elevator and Pentagon visitor's entrance. This proposal includes installing approximately 100 feet of glass and stainless-steel panels attached to a heavy support base in two locations. PFPA states these security panels will replace the existing barriers which do not provide ballistic protection.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, PFPA submitted a record of environmental consideration, dated March 26, 2020, noting the project can be categorically excluded since it is a temporary security project. NCPC does not have independent NEPA responsibility for the project, as it is in the environs. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, PFPA has submitted a no adverse effect determination, dated March 26, 2020. NCPC does not have independent Section 106 responsibility as this project is in the environs.

Overall, staff finds that the project is consistent with the installation master plan and the relevant policies contained within the Federal Environment, Workplace, and Historic Preservation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. This project is a temporary solution for improving security and protection for PFPA police officers stationed in close proximity to the Pentagon Metrorail Station entrance. These temporary panels will be replaced by the Pentagon MEF project, after it is redesigned and constructed. The Commission awaits the future submission

of the MEF project. As this project is located adjacent to the Pentagon Metrorail Station, PFPA has been coordinating with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.



Figure 1 – Computer generated renderings of proposed security panels adjacent to the Pentagon Metro elevator (left) and Pentagon Metro south escalators (right)

* * *

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 development plans for glass and metal panel security walls adjacent to the Pentagon Metrorail Station, on the Pentagon Reservation, located in Arlington, Virginia.

Marcel Acosta 5/01/20
Marcel Acosta Date
Executive Director