



# Delegated Action of the Executive Director

**PROJECT**  
**Enclosed Loading Bay Addition and Egress Door at Square 457**

601 D Street, NW  
Washington, DC

**SUBMITTED BY**  
United States General Services Administration

**NCPC FILE NUMBER**  
P8158

**NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER**  
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**ACTION TAKEN**  
Approve preliminary and final building plans

**REVIEW AUTHORITY**  
Advisory  
Per 40 U.S.C. § 6702(d)

The General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final building plans for an enclosed loading bay addition and egress door at the Patrick Henry building located at 601 D Street, NW. As part of NCPC’s Pennsylvania Avenue Development Authority (PADC) responsibilities under the 1996 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), development projects within the PADC boundary must be reviewed by NCPC for conformance with the 1974 Pennsylvania Avenue Plan (the Plan) and Square Guidelines. Per the MOA, the proposal is considered a minor modification “that will not significantly change the existing character or use of the property.”

This building was previously reviewed by NCPC in May 2019 (P8068), which anticipated significant façade modifications in conformance with the Plan and Square 457 Guidelines. The building owner notified GSA and NCPC in early 2020 that the plans were being scaled back to accommodate the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the U.S. Attorney’s Office (USAO), and the U.S. Marshal’s Office (USMS). The leases require all interior and improvements to be completed no later than June 2021.

The proposed enclosed loading bay and emergency egress door, required by the USAO, are located within the existing alley way and loading dock. The alley providing access runs between D and E Streets, NW. The new enclosed feature requires no additional curb cuts, is not visible from the street, and uses masonry materials complementary to the building design. Therefore, this proposal is not inconsistent with the Plan and Square 457 Guidelines.

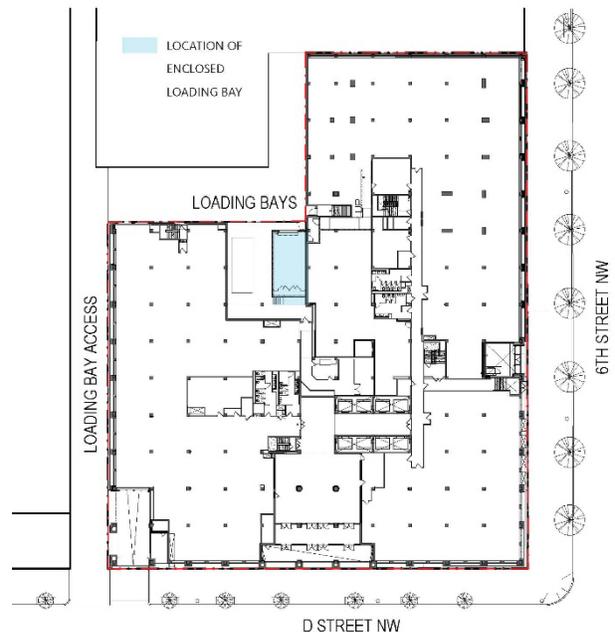


Figure 1: Proposed loading bay and egress door location

As noted in GSA’s letter analyzing conformance with the Plan and Square 457 Guidelines, the Patrick Henry building is not historic and therefore not subject to review by the DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO). The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the project in March 2020 (SL 20-108) with no objections. Both agency letters are attached to this report.

Axonometric and Perspective



Figure 2: Axonometric of the proposed enclosed loading bay

Per the MOA, NCPC will review the final permit set when it is submitted to the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) for conformance with the Plan and Square Guidelines.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 6702(d), I find the submission for an enclosed loading bay and emergency egress door to 601 D Street, NW, are not inconsistent with the 1974 Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Plan, Square 457 Guidelines, and other federal interests..

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Executive Director