



Commission Action

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PROJECT Surgery, Radiology and Lab Medicine Building Addition National Institutes of Health Bethesda Campus 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8235
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 3101.20(38.00)45272
REVIEW AUTHORITY Federal Projects in the Environs per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of final site and building plans
	ACTION TAKEN Approved final site and building plans

The Commission:

Approves the final building and site development plans for the new Surgery, Radiology, and Laboratory Medicine addition on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

Notes that NIH selected the proposed addition location based on the requirement to connect new expansion space to existing clinical, laboratory, and interstitial space within the adjacent Clinical Research Center building. NIH selected the location of the project after considering multiple different Clinical Center-adjacent sites.

Notes that the project programming remains unchanged from the preliminary submission, based on the need for adequate space to allow the Clinical Research Center to continue to operate as a premier, world-class research facility.

Notes that NIH has made the following design changes based on previous Commission comments to reduce the scale and visual presence of the project:

- Lowering the heights of the stair towers and west-wing parapet wall;
- Reconfiguring seven vertical (rectangular) punched windows into three more horizontal (square) punched windows on the top level of the addition's three north-facing wings; and
- Replacing a section of metal panel cladding on the top level of the east stair tower with a glass curtainwall.

Notes that NCPC staff encouraged the applicant to explore reducing the height of the top-level punched windows to further reduce the vertical look of the building; however, the applicant elected to maintain the façade height (above the rooftop) as a design feature.

Notes that NIH has submitted additional information related to landscaping, lighting, and updated renderings as previously requested by the Commission during its preliminary review.

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