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### **NCPC Approves Rowley Training Center Master Plan**

*Commission hears information presentations on Region Forward and  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's New Strategic Plan, Momentum*

**Washington, DC** – At its monthly meeting on December 6 the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved the final master plan for the U.S. Secret Service's James J. Rowley Training Center located in Laurel, Maryland. The 439-acre site is the primary training facility for Secret Service personnel. The master plan provides a development framework for the next 10-15 years and replaces one from 1996. It calls for a maximum of 36 new projects including new administrative space, classroom and training space, 350 new parking spaces, utility upgrades, stormwater management, and wetland mitigation. It anticipates the increase of onsite employees, instructors, and students from 333 to 660.

In its comments the Commission required the U.S. Secret Service to submit a Transportation Management Plan prior to any future submissions in the center that would either increase the population or number of parking spaces, or increase the number of trips to the facility. Among other comments the Commission also required the applicant to include a detailed forest conservation plan, as well as include a detailed Stormwater Management Plan, in any future site and building plan submissions.

Before adjourning, NCPC heard two information presentations. In the first, outgoing Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Executive Director David Robertson updated the Commission on Region Forward, a vision for a more accessible, sustainable, prosperous, and livable National Capital Region. Shyam Kannan from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority then presented a progress report on Momentum, Metro's new strategic plan. No actions are taken on information presentations.

This month's agenda also included four consent calendar items (no presentations given):

- Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Phase 1 Antenna Project at St. Elizabeths West Campus, Washington, DC;
- Approval of a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for Phase 1 of a Second Stage Planned Unit Development at the Southwest Waterfront (The Wharf) in Washington, DC;
- Approval of the report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding a modification of a Planned Unit Development at Square 708 in Washington, DC (Florida Rock Properties);
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Lewis C. Merletti Auditorium Annex Project at the U.S. Secret Service's James J. Rowley Training Center in Laurel, Maryland.

In addition, the Executive Director approved ten items under authorities delegated by the Commission. The final agenda, staff recommendations, and project materials are available on [NCPC's website](http://ncpc.gov).

*The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.*

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