



Memo To File

A. Project Information

Park Name: National Capital Parks - East

PEPC Project Number: 32960

Project Title: Re-design & Improve Twining Square (Pennsylvania & Minnesota Avenues S.E. Intersection)

Project Location:

County, State: DC, District of Columbia

Project Leader: Michael Commisso

B. Description of the Current Action (Project Description)

This memo is intended to correct a misstatement made in the 2018 NPS FONSI for DDOT's proposed Pennsylvania Ave Minnesota Ave SE intersection improvement project. The project would require a jurisdictional transfer of several small NPS reservations (totaling 1.44 acres) to DDOT.

The opening paragraph of the NPS FONSI states:

"The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to examine alternative actions and environmental impacts associated with the proposed project to provide transportation improvements at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Minnesota Avenues, S.E., in Washington, D.C. The Pennsylvania and Minnesota Avenues, SE intersection includes NPS property, U.S. Reservation 487 (Twining Square), five small park parcels (U.S. Reservations 487A, B, C, D, and E) fragmented by intersecting roadways and the adjacent roadway medians, totaling approximately 1.44 acres. The proposed project will also include a transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of NPS administered property to DDOT. The jurisdictional transfer will facilitate the proposed reconfiguration of this intersection. The open green space within Twining Square will remain under NPS jurisdiction. The project is needed to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety; create a consolidated, usable park space; improve multi-modal connectivity and access; and support improved land use and community needs. The EA was released for agency and public review on October 28, 2013. A public hearing was held on November 13, 2013. Implementation of the proposed action will be administered by DDOT and funded by FHWA."

The statement: *"The open green space within Twining Square will remain under NPS jurisdiction."* is incorrect and not consistent with the overall description of the selected alternative. The area of the green space within Twining Square is included within the 1.44 acres being transferred and was never intended to remain with the NPS. NPS has always understood this.

The discussion of the jurisdictional land transfer provided in description of the selected alternative reads:

"Build Alternative 2 will include a jurisdictional land transfer from NPS to DDOT of approximately 1.44 acres of U.S. Reservations 487, 487 A, B, C, D, and E to enable the proposed modifications to the intersection and consolidate the green space. Build Alternative 2 will consolidate the two park parcels to the north of Pennsylvania Avenue and the two park parcels to the south of Pennsylvania in order to provide more contiguous park area than exists today for residents and visitors to the area."

This description above is consistent with what is documented in DDOT's EA and FONSI and NPS's understanding of what was/is to be transferred. Correction of this misstatement in the opening paragraph this FONSI is strictly editorial and does not alter the findings of the impact analysis, nor change the decision to transfer the jurisdiction of these parcels to DDOT. No further NEPA documentation is required.

Superintendent: _____ **Date:** _____

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