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It is noted that these impacts would only occur during the School peak hours of 7:00 – 8:00 AM and 2:45 – 3:45 PM. It can be seen that these changes would primarily impact the intersection of H Street at the campus access. Due to the existing signalized intersections to the east and west of this location, the intersection would operate efficiently with significant gaps for turning movements. For reference the future trip distribution of both access proposals are included as Appendix F.

3.2(c) Transportation Management Plan

The foregoing sections of the report have shown that, considering its “historical” use of the site and the fact that no changes in the student or faculty population is requested, the proposals under this application should have no impacts on the surrounding community. This notwithstanding, the School has been engaged in a consultative process regarding its current Transportation Management Plan provisions. As part of this process, this consultant discussed with DDOT the City’s current policies and guidelines for TMP’s particularly as it related to private institutions. Based on the above initiatives Gonzaga has committed to implementing the following measures as part of its updated TMP.

- a) Increase vehicle occupancies (i.e., carpooling) with appropriate consideration for the classification of young drivers who access the School as well as in keeping with the regulations applying to teenage driving and the number of passengers allowed (as per local District of Columbia laws). *[It is noted that the School already has a vehicle occupancy ratio of two (2.0) students per vehicle and only student carpools containing three (3.0) or more students are eligible for a campus parking space.]*
- b) Encourage the use of public transportation by staff and students. *[This would be achieved by the dissemination of information regarding public transit schedules, routes and programs. It is noted that the School already participates in the Smart Benefits program and the School Transit Subsidy Program, which currently has a participation of 75 students.]*
- c) Monitor traffic operations within the campus during the peak drop-off/pick up periods to ensure efficient operations and that no “spill-back” occurs onto the adjacent public roadways. *[This refers particularly to the area along I Street between St. Aloysius Church and Dooley Hall; and Forte Hall in the vicinity of the traffic circle.]*
- d) Assign a staff member with the specific responsibility to co-ordinate carpools among students, parents and staff. In addition, Gonzaga will create an online system to help identify those with similar travel routes and residence locations. *[This will be part of the Campus Transportation Coordinator responsibilities.]*
- e) Host regular discussions with the student drivers on road safety, courtesy and the local laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which they drive.
- f) Provide a copy of the School’s Transportation Management Plan and its traffic and transportation policies to all students, parents and staff at the beginning of each school year as part of the student enrollment contract.
- g) Designate a Campus Transportation Coordinator with the responsibility of implementing the School’s Transportation Management Plan as enumerated in the items above. *[The School has had a staff member fulfilling this position since the prior BZA approval in 2006, which will be formally designated as part of this plan.]*

- h) Undertake monitoring and evaluation of the TMP and make adjustments as necessary to meet the stipulated objectives. Furthermore, Gonzaga will provide a Transportation Performance Report to the Transportation Policy and Planning Administration Staff of DDOT and the ANC on an annual basis. *[As part of this review and reporting protocol, Gonzaga will provide the name of the Campus Transportation Coordinator to DDOT and the ANC for liaison purposes regarding the TMP issues and status.]*

In keeping with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Management Plan the School will seek to enhance awareness of urban mobility and environmental issues by its student population through appropriate aspects of its curriculum and program of activities. It is noted that Gonzaga is a member of the Alliance to Save Energy Green School's program and seeks to participate in events such as the World Car Free Day, which promotes these goals. Again, one of the functions of the Campus Transportation Coordinator would be to liaise with DDOT and other agencies as necessary to participate in such events.