

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**AUGUST 28, 2017**  
**NRD-2017-0076**  
**823 Congress Avenue**  
**Congress Avenue Historic District**

**PROPOSAL**

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Install new landscaping and a serpentine wall in front of the non-contributing building at 823 Congress Avenue.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The applicant proposes to take out the diagonal parking spaces in front of the building and replace them with an extended sidewalk seating area bounded by a low serpentine wall and vegetative landscaping to the curb. The proposed landscaping will be the first permanently irrigated project on Congress Avenue.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The Congress Avenue Historic District has no design guidelines for projects within the right-of-way. Staff has concerns about the changes to the traditional streetscape of Congress Avenue that this proposal will occasion with landscaping going to the curb.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff is going to recommend approval of this proposal but recognizes that it sets a precedent in changing the lines and streetscape of Congress Avenue.



