WHAT IS THE PROPOSED “ELLIPSE”?  

A time saving Traffic Circle

The intersection of Seminary Road at Beauregard Street is a busy intersection in the West End of Alexandria.

What’s wrong with the intersection today?

- Wide intersection for pedestrians to cross
- Confusing triple left turn
- No bicycle facilities
- Long wait to make left turns
- During peak periods have to wait through more than one light cycle

How will the Proposed Ellipse help?

- Operates similarly to a traffic circle
- Shorter pedestrian crossing with pedestrian refuges
- Eliminates most left turns
- Saves drivers time
- Improves safety
- Decreases delay driving through the intersection
- Includes bicycle facilities
- More green space

WHY RIGHT TURNS WORK:

**UPS Right Turn Policy** – UPS maps out routes for all drivers to reduce the number of left turns they make. In 2007 alone, this translated to:

- **Saves time** – 39 million miles shaved off delivery routes
- **Saves gas** – 3 million gallons of gas saved, and
- **Reduces Emissions** – CO₂ emissions reduced by 32,000 metric tons, the equivalent of removing 5,300 cars from the road for an entire year.