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The Honorable William Euille
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: Mark Center Access

Dear Mayor Euille:

Over the last 9-months we have conducted extensive study of potential direct access alternatives to the Mark Center site from I-395. The study process has unveiled critical information about the practical performance and public acceptance of the various alternatives considered. Between the technical results of the study and the feedback received from local citizens and elected officials, it is clear that while alternative A1 may be acceptable from a land impact standpoint, it does not perform well enough to satisfy the project purpose & need. On the other hand, Alternative D performs well from a practical traffic standpoint but is highly resisted due to its impacts on the Winkler Preserve.

Due to the above facts, VDOT is removing from consideration Alternatives A1, D, and any of the other alternatives documented in the Mark Center Access Study conducted by the Department. VDOT remains open to studying a concept that looks at providing access from the northbound HOV lanes to the Seminary Road Interchange as suggested in your March 24, 2010 letter. Attached is a drawing of this new concept, prepared by our technical staff. We are calling this Concept 'F' at this point. VDOT does not currently have the funding to study this concept. Consequently, VDOT requests your support to pay for any additional studies.

We remain very concerned about the BRAC 133 opening day traffic conditions and we look forward to working with you to find an acceptable solution.

Sincerely,

Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E.
Regional Transportation Program Director

Attachment: Concept 'F' drawing
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Alternative F

New Buildings (BRAC 133)

Internal Roadways

Reversible Ramp

WINKLER BOTANICAL PRESERVE

4850 IDA

Future IDA Expansion

MARK CENTER DR

Transit Cntr

North Parking Garage

4900 DUKE

SEMINARY RD

Existing Garage

West Tower

East Tower

4825 CNAC

RIF

South Parking Garage

395

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ALTERNATIVE F

FIGURE: 1-2	SHEET: 1 OF 1	SCALE: 0 30 60 120 180 Feet	DATE: March 2010