

Minutes
BRAC-133 Advisory Group Meeting
October 20, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: David Dexter, Dick Somers, Don Buch, Donna Fossum, Geoffrey Goodale, Gerry Chiaruttini, Jerry Dawson, Jim Turkel, John Komoroske, Kathy Burns, Mark Benedict, Nancy Jennings, Paul McMahan, Stephanie Landrum.

City staff present included David Grover, Rich Baier, Abi Lerner.

Also present were Tom Fahrney (VDOT), Cyrena Eitler (OEA), John Lynch (Va Mega Projects), Del Pepper, Gwen Sigda.

3. Minutes from the September meeting were discussed and as comments had only been provided to staff 10/20, it was determined that approval of those minutes would be placed on the November meeting agenda. Comments are to be submitted to David Grover by Close of business 11/21/2010.
4. Mike Snare of VaMegaProjects gave a presentation on the preliminary alternatives for Short and Mid-term Improvements. Mike Snare presented the overall study area, seven specific locations studied and the alternatives that were analyzed. Mike entertained questions from the group. It was clarified that preliminary cost estimates for the various alternatives are not yet available, but are anticipated to be ready for the next meeting in November. Paul Prideaux of Virginia Mega Projects gave a presentation of the operational impacts of the alternatives. He explained the performance of each alternative.
5. Abi Lerner addressed the status of the Long Term Improvements study. He explained that there had been some clarification needed on the scope of work between VDOT and the City with respect to the inclusion of HOT lanes and HOV lanes for the ramp at Seminary Road. He stated that the parties had come to an agreement that both HOV and HOT would be included in the study. Costs for the additional modeling would be shared equally. OEA has given a verbal approval for the cost sharing arrangement.
6. David Dexter provided a brief update on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee. He mentioned that DoD has agreed to using DASH to provide enhanced transit between King Street Station and the BRAC-133 facility. Abi Lerner explained that the enhanced transit would provide ten-minute headways from King Street Metro to Mark Center, and would be available to DoD employees upon presentation of appropriate identification and to other riders would pay the normal fare.

7. Rich Baier provided a brief update on GRIP funding, stating that the City is anticipating a response to the 9/1 letter from Mayor Euille to Congressman Moran next week.
8. An update on the Beauregard Plan was provided by Faroll Hamer. A public meeting was held on 10/5. A petition by citizens asking for all planning to be stopped until transportation solutions can be found was discussed. She advised that Council has requested information about the implications of not continuing with the plan and how to better integrate land use and transportation planning.
9. David Grover announced the Transitway Work Group kickoff meeting the next evening, October 21 at City Hall. Rich Baier elaborated on the scope of the Transitway Study.
10. David Grover spoke on updated Tracking Matrix. He advised that the matrix shows progress on several tasks such as Residential Permit Parking and traffic calming, as well as a number of items that have been moved to the “completed” category. Next meeting mid-November. Dick Somers inquired about traffic signal placement and timing. Rich Baier advised Mr. Somers that the next milestone date for that item is October 30, at which time staff will provide an update regarding traffic signals along the corridor. Mr. Somers suggested adding another task to the matrix to track the progress of inter-jurisdictional cooperation.
11. Jim Turkel provided a brief presentation on the impacts of BRAC-133 on electric, water, gas, and sanitary sewer utilities storm water management facilities. Utilities are responsible for providing service in accordance within their capacity limitations. Electric service will be via a primary and secondary (back-up) feeds. There will also be four back up generators for redundancy. The only issue was with the Alexandria Sanitation Authority. The Holmes Run sewer main is at capacity, therefore sanitary sewer is being discharged to the Arlington Treatment Facility. Storm water will be handled pursuant to the plans for the 225 acre development of the larger Winkler property.
12. Next Steps:
 - a. Send in comments on the VaMegaProjects presentation to Abi Lerner by October 27
 - b. Another presentation by VaMegaProjects - November 17
 - c. Transit Route Runs/Times Report will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee November 10
13. Public Comments:
 - Will FIOS be available with the BRAC utility installation?
 - Who will pay for Fire, Rescue and EMS services within the BRAC-133 site?
 - Will all of the alternatives be constructed at the same time? Or will there be priorities set?

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM