

**BRAC-133 Advisory Group
Summary Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2010**

1. Members present included: Dave Dexter, Dick Somers, Don Buch, Donna Fossum, Mark Jennings, Geoffrey Goodale, Gerry Chiaruttini, Jerry Dawson, Jim Turkel, Paul McMahon, John Komoroske, Julie Edelson, Kathy Burns, Nancy Jennings, Rick Tedesco, Stephanie Landrum. Staff present included: Rich Baier, Abi Lerner, David Grover and Chief Adam Thiel. Elected officials present included: Vice-Mayor Kerry Donley and Councilwoman Del Pepper.
2. Minutes for September 15, 2010 and October 20, 2010 were approved as written.
3. Chris Gaspar of Congressman Moran's staff gave a brief description of the DoD Inspector General's investigation (assessment) of the BRAC-133 TMP and AEI announced earlier that day. Report due February of 2011. Dick Somers inquired about the Defense Authorization Bill and what, if any impacts the assessment might have on that legislation.
4. Mark Jinks gave a brief update on the status of open space compensatory negotiations, saying there was nothing new to announce, as the City is waiting to hear from DoD on the city's proposal which was submitted at the end of September. Jim Turkel said they hope to have something back to the City by the December meeting.
5. Mike Snare of VaMegaProjects, the VDOT general engineering contractor, gave a presentation on the short and mid-term road improvements, including preliminary cost estimates and a recommendation to proceed with all improvement in a phased manner. The Advisory Group voted to support a resolution going forward to City Council in support of the consultant recommendation, and added that they also recommend that Council request Duke Realty or the DoD or some other Federal agency pay for the full implementation of the improvements as recommended. Short term improvements would be phase one (Alternative D) and the mid-term improvements would be phase two (Alternative E). The phase two improvements require right of way acquisition and other more complicating factors. There was some concern about ADA accessibility of the pedestrian bridge. Mike Snare stated that it would be ADA complaint. Dick Somers stated that the study shows traffic backup into other communities and that should be taken into consideration too. Mr. Somers also asked for information on timing for implementation of Alternatives D and E, and what degree of the project increase in traffic flow they would be expected to ameliorate. Abi Lerner indicated that estimates would be provided at the December 15 meeting. Donna Fossum asked what type of signage would be provided. Mike Snare responded that there will be a very robust signage plan as part of the design and implementation. Ms. Fossum said there is an immediate need. Abi Lerner responded that T&ES will look at the existing conditions and assess what needs to

be done now. The consultant's presentation will be posted to the BRAC-133 web page. Discussion turned to funding options for implementing these improvements. Dave Dexter read the proposed resolution with respect to funding. Don Buch read a 1/24/2004 City memorandum regarding the interchange ramp and DoD and Duke's responsibility for paying for improvements. He believes the City let them off the hook six years ago. Donna Fossum and Dave Dexter stated that they disagreed with that view. Jim Turkel said that while DoD has continued to participate in the analysis of solutions for traffic operations problems, they cannot commit to paying for them at this time and they will consider the recommendations and how they will benefit the operations of the BRAC-133 facility. John Komoroske moved to adopt the resolution as amended; Donna Fossum seconded the motion. The Advisory Group voted on the adoption of the resolution. The motion passed 11 in favor, 1 against (Jerry Dawson) and 3 abstentions (Jim Turkel, Paul McMahon and Stephanie Landrum).

6. Abi Lerner gave a brief update on the progress of the long term improvements study, saying that the study is underway in terms of data collection and setting up the models, and will include both HOV and HOT ramps at the I-395 and Seminary Road interchange (Alternatives F&G). The plan is for the consultant to come before the Advisory Group in two months' time (January meeting).
7. Dave Dexter gave an update on the items discussed at the 11/10 Ad Hoc committee meeting, which primarily covered Fire and EMS Operational Expenses and the legal issues DoD contend prevent them from paying for said services. The DoD contends they are legally prevented from paying for Fire, EMS, Police and similar services. The TMP memo of understanding was discussed, which largely appears to be ready for execution by DoD and the City of Alexandria. Also discussed was the support of the Ad Hoc Committee for the staff recommendation for enhanced transit by DASH. Don Buch read from the Mutual Aid Agreement to which Fort Belvoir and the City are party, and which precludes those parties from paying one another for these services. Chief Thiel stated that estimated costs are \$2 million per year to serve the BRAC-133 facility. Response times for that area are estimated at 7-8 minutes for first response. That is far outside the 4 minute desired response time. Also, this is not the standard high-rise office building. It has high impact glass as well as security features and systems that will cause longer response times. Chief Thiel stated he primarily needs operational monies for personnel, some capital funds for an additional EMS vehicle during peak periods, but no other capital funds.
8. Abi Lerner gave an update on the progress made with respect to DASH proposals for enhanced transit. The City has presented an initial proposal and is honing the cost estimates for express service. Those are due back to DoD by December 1, 2010. David Grover reported on the data collection exercise for timing express bus routes that potentially could be provided by DASH between King Street Metro and the Mark Center. He reported on the staff's recommendations for using the AT2 route as the primary

express route and the King Street/Howard/Jordan/Seminary route as the secondary for return express runs. At their November meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee expressed support for the staff recommendation for the King Street Metro to Mark Center enhanced service. The use of split routes is designed to minimize the impacts of the buses on neighborhoods. Abi Lerner stated that King Street Station is approaching capacity and will require some adjustments to accommodate the additional service.

9. David Grover reported that there seemed to be disagreement between the City and DoD on the legal ability of DoD to fund traffic control officers. DoD sees this as a customary municipal service which is precluded from Federal funding. This would also apply to funding of Fire and EMS services. Jim Turkel mentioned that they are looking at DARPA example and others to see if there are other ways of getting to this.
10. Matrix Updates. David Grover mentioned that Andrea Wilkinson has meetings scheduled for the residential permit parking and traffic calming. Dick Somers commented on the signal placement and timing item, and the need for a status report and new milestone date. Mr. Somers also requested what is now shown on the Matrix as “completed Task 17” (Develop document regarding multi-jurisdictional goals and concerns to be sent to the Secretary of Transportation) be restored to active status.
11. December meeting. Scheduled for December 15 tentatively.
12. Public comments. Chair recognized Councilwoman Del Pepper and Vice-Mayor Kerry Donley. Mr. Donley expressed his strong support for the funding of the GRIP program by DoD.
13. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.