

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 6 – BRAC-133 UPDATE

ISSUE: Update to the Transportation Commission on BRAC-133 related issues.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) receive the update.

DISCUSSION: The following is an overview on the most recent developments related to the BRAC-133 facility.

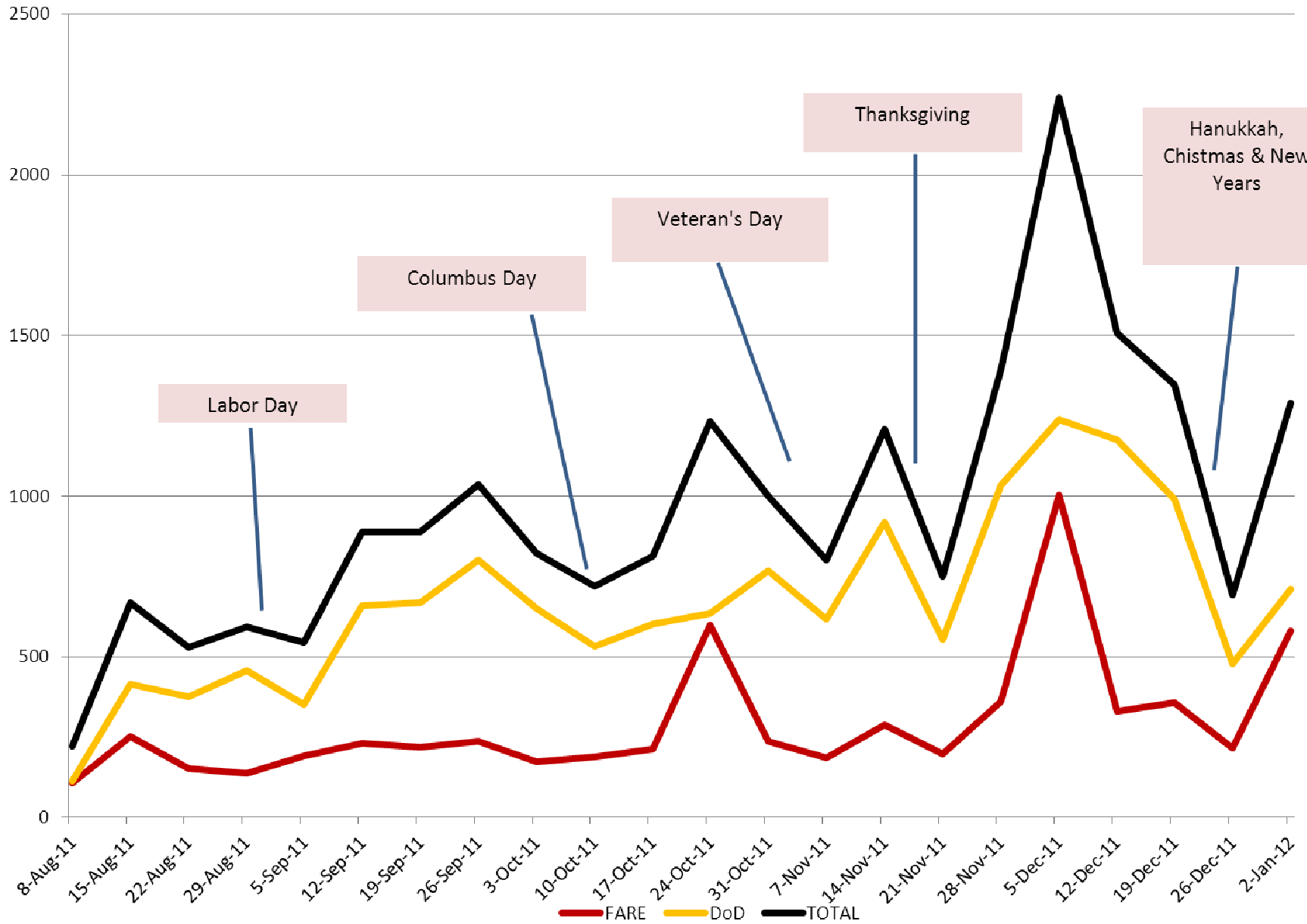
1. **BRAC-133 Advisory Group** – On January 18, 2012, the BRAC-133 Advisory Group voted to recommend City Council not reauthorize the BRAC-133 Advisory Group after February 2012.
2. **Building Occupancy** - 4,720 positions have been moved into the BRAC-133 facility, with an average daily presence of $\pm 3,776$ personnel. An average of 1,450 vehicles are entering the parking garages, indicating that less than the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) goal of 60% are traveling by SOV to the site. This is without accounting for car- and vanpool users, which would reduce the SOV count further.
3. **DASH & WMATA Enhanced Transit** – Ridership continues to trend upwards and staff continues to gather information on the various alternative travel modes that together make up the 40% goal of the TMP to reduce single occupancy vehicle travel to the BRAC facility. The DASH and WMATA Express services to the Mark Center are currently accommodating over 30% of the BRAC-133 facility employees.
4. **Daytime Parking District** – District 12 has been implemented. There have been ± 461 citations issued to date. However, while there is no way of knowing just how many are BRAC-related, the trend has been that the number is decreasing as people become aware of the restrictions.
5. **GRIP Traffic Control** – Officers have been at key locations as warranted. Traffic volumes and conditions have not been such that the traffic control personnel have been required every day or at all locations.

6. **Short and Mid-term Improvements** – FHWA continues managing this project, and it is on schedule. Four Design/Build teams have been selected. Proposals are due on February 7, 2012 with selection of the finalist on February 14, 2012. The Short-term improvements are due to be completed September 2012, and the Mid-term improvements are due to be completed October 2013.
7. **HOV/Transit Ramp** – VDOT held the public information meeting and design public hearing for the HOV/Transit Ramp Environmental Assessment on January 25, 2012 at Francis C. Hammond Middle School Cafeteria. Once the FHWA has reviewed the document and comments received, they will issue a determination on the significance of the findings.
8. **Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012** – This legislation was signed into law on December 23, 2011. It imposes a cap on usable parking spaces at the BRAC Mark Center facility at 2,000. The Secretary of Defense is required to certify to Congress that no reduction of levels of service below D exist in any 90 day consecutive period at six key intersections. The cap can be amended with the agreement of VDOT. Also, the Army is required to conduct another traffic study in accordance with specific standards and modify the TMP to implement additional mitigation, and to implement recommendations of the Inspector General's report.

Attachment 1: DASH Express Weekly Ridership

Attachment 2: WMATA Express Weekly Ridership

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