

**BRAC/MARK CENTER ADVISORY GROUP
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

Guiding Principles Relating to VDOT's BRAC Access Interchange Justification Report

The BRAC/Mark Center Advisory Group (the "Advisory Group") supports direct access from Route I-395 to the Mark Center campus with the following guiding principles. The improvements should:

1. Be transit-oriented and accommodate HOV lanes;
2. Be consistent with the existing and proposed Transportation Management Plans and the City's Transportation Master Plan;
3. Provide for amenities/incentives to encourage alternate transit use;
4. Reduce the traffic impacts to the I-395 and Seminary Road Interchange;
5. Serve the entire Mark Center campus;
6. Protect the Winkler Preserve to the greatest extent possible and improve its long-term sustainability;
7. Be designed/built for the long term usage, being the most transit efficient alternative, **not** necessarily the least expensive or most expedient;
8. These improvements need to consider/accommodate the potential future redevelopment of the surrounding areas (e.g., Mark Center and Beauregard Corridor); and
9. Be funded by the Federal Government through the design and construction phases.

Furthermore, the Advisory Group recommends that:

10. The City should urgently work to develop and implement solutions to the current and projected traffic problems on Seminary Road from George Mason to Beauregard (as documented in the VHB report) and at least to Kenmore Avenue on the East and also consider the Route 7/King Street corridor from Skyline to I-395 rather than just Seminary Road. The City should likewise review traffic and pending solutions along Beauregard Street to the intersection with Duke Street. This should involve working closely with VDOT, Fairfax County, and Arlington County.