

Transportation Planning in Support of Fort Belvoir BRAC

Whereas, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations in its October 2006 meeting adopted a comprehensive listing of transportation projects and initiatives required to support the implementation of Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) at Fort Belvoir, in an effort to forestall traffic gridlock in the Springfield, Lee and Mount Vernon Districts; and

Whereas, the Federation listing is intended to initiate action on the part of military and state authorities; and

Whereas, the Federation listing now requires further refinement in terms of priorities and lead responsibilities for planning and funding; and

Whereas, the Federation listing requires some modification in view of the revised Army plan to place the Army Museum off John J. Kingman Road and with its opening projected two years after the completion of BRAC in 2011.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the MVCCA supports the Federation proposal, as modified herein, and urges Congressional intervention to extend the BRAC implementation date at Fort Belvoir by at least two years.

Be It Further Resolved, that the attached proposal of the MVCCA be adopted by Federal and Virginia Commonwealth authorities, as initial planning guidance, to support the transportation requirements for the implementation of the Fort Belvoir BRAC in the Springfield, Lee, and Mount Vernon Districts.

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Reference the listings of transportation requirements approved at the October 2006 meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations.

First Priority Items

Under US Army auspices:

- Complete the Fairfax County Parkway; expand project to integrate access to the Army Museum from the Fairfax County Parkway at John J. Kingman Road, with Federal funding (Federation Items #4, #16 & #18).
- Complete the Route #1 – Telegraph Road Connector, with Federal funding (Federation Item #19)
- Initiate planning for a flyover at Route #1 at Belvoir Road, connecting North and South Post, with Federal funding (Federation Items #8 & #15).
- Initiate planning to improve access to Engineering Proving Ground (EPG), with Federal and State funding (Federation Items #2, #3, & #7).
- Develop a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program encompassing the entire BRAC support area, with Federal and State funding (Federation Item #6).

Under Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) auspices:

- Initiate action to widen the Fairfax County Parkway to 6 lanes, with Federal and State funding (Federation Item #5).
- Initiate planning to widen Route #1 from Telegraph Road to Old Mill Road, with Federal and State funding (Federation Item #8).
- Initiate planning to widen Telegraph Road from Beulah Street to South Kings Highway, with Federal and State funding (Federation Items #13 & #14)
- Initiate planning for a Transit Transfer Center adjacent to Fort Belvoir, with Federal and State funding (Federation Item #20).

Under VRE auspices:

- Initiate planning to add another VRE Station between Lorton and the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station, at State expense (Federation Item #1)

Second Priority Items

Under Army auspices:

- Add highway Intelligence Transportation System (ITS) advisory, radios, camera and permanent Vehicle Management System (VMS) signs along Route #1, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County Parkway and Engineer Proving Ground (EPG), in a joint Federal-State venture (Federation Item #17).
- Provide a Transit Transfer Center for busses at Army Museum, at Federal expense (Federation Item #11).
- Establish a bus shuttle service internally to Fort Belvoir, at Federal expense (Federation Item #10).

Under VDOT auspices:

- Re-synchronize traffic signals along Route #1, Fairfax County Parkway, John J. Kingman Road and Telegraph Road, at State expense (Federation Item #9).

Under Metro Transit Authority auspices:

- Provide bus rapid transit to and from Huntington and Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Stations (Federation Item #12).