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Mr. Morteza Salehi, District Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Re: Request for a Change of Limited Access

Dear Mr. Salehi:

This is to request your agency's assistance in consideration of proposed limited access modifications to the I-395 interchange at Seminary Road. Specifically, we are requesting consideration of an interchange modification to provide direct access and egress from I-395 to the recently selected site for the BRAC 133 relocation of various Department of Defense (DoD) agencies to Alexandria.

The relocation of approximately 6,400 DoD personnel to a facility to be constructed in the southwest quadrant of the Seminary Road interchange, immediately adjacent to I-395 will adversely impact traffic movement through the interchange, and also on Seminary Road and Beauregard Street. Based on current information, the City believes that the proposed access modification can mitigate a significant portion of this impact, both in the interchange area and on our adjacent city streets, as well as relieve the recurring congestion at this interchange.

Time is of the essence for this request; therefore, we ask that an initial meeting with appropriate agency personnel be scheduled at the earliest opportunity. As you may be aware, construction of the BRAC 133 facility is necessarily a fast-track project in order to meet the occupancy deadline mandated by the BRAC legislation and site preparation activities are scheduled to begin next month. This request also has implications for the proposed I-95/395 HOT project, which is scheduled to reach financial closure in late 2009.


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The City's point of contact for this request is Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services. He can be contacted by phone at (703) 838-4966 or e-mail at Tom.Culpepper@Alexandriava.gov.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


William D. Euille
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