

Seminary Hill Association, Inc.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY AND ALL NEW OR INCREASED ACCESS
FROM ANY AND ALL LANES OF I-395 TO SEMINARY ROAD EAST**

WHEREAS, VDOT has proposed and the Alexandria City Council has supported the study of "Alternative F," a new reversible ramp from I-395 HOV lanes to the top level of the existing Seminary Road interchange, which would provide access to Seminary Road West toward the BRAC-133 site and access to Seminary Road East into Seminary Hill and adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed ramp is to provide HOV/transit access to and from the BRAC-133 site and, as such, there is no reason why any new access ramps should be built to facilitate and encourage additional traffic flows through the residential neighborhoods along and near Seminary Road East, and

WHEREAS, such access to Seminary Road East would be open to all vehicles for most hours of the week; and

WHEREAS, such access would provide the only exit from the I-395 HOV lanes between Springfield and the Pentagon, and would be used all day every day by north- and southbound drivers headed to and from countless destinations between Springfield and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, on 22 November 2002 the Alexandria City Manager recommended that the Alexandria City Council not support a similar VDOT proposal, based on Alexandria City staff's findings that "access ramps at Seminary Road would result in Seminary Road conveying substantial cut through traffic on its way to destinations outside Alexandria" [City of Alexandria, Virginia Memorandum dated 22 November 2002, to The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, from Philip Sunderland, City Manager]; and

WHEREAS, on 22 November 2002, the Alexandria City Council adopted the City Manager's recommendation and resolved that VDOT should "eliminate from further consideration the proposed construction of a HOV ramp at Seminary Road, King Street or Duke Street in Alexandria" [Resolution No. 2048]; and

WHEREAS, Seminary Hill Association, Inc. has previously testified before the Alexandria City Council (Testimony of Joanne Lepanto on behalf of Seminary Hill Association, Inc. before the City Council of Alexandria Public Hearing, Saturday, 14 March 2009, Docket Item #9) that (1) it opposes any ramps to or from HOV lanes at Seminary Road East, even if initially designated for limited uses, and (2) that any additional ramps to/from Seminary Road West must be designed in such a way that would not allow vehicles using such ramps to gain access to or from Seminary Road East; and

