

# Reject VDOT's Environmental Assessment for I-395 HOV Ramp at Seminary Road Until Shortcomings Are Addressed

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## Background (Preamble):

Given the shortcomings of the Virginia Department of Transportation's "Environmental Assessment for the Proposed I-395 HOV Ramp at Seminary Road" dated December 20, 2011, this petition is intended to clearly set forth the primary concerns and expectations of members of the Alexandria community with respect to that Environmental Assessment.

## Petition Text:

Petition Asserting That There Are Very Significant Shortcomings in VDOT's  
"Environmental Assessment for the Proposed I-395 HOV Ramp at Seminary Road"

Dated December 20, 2011

and that

The Environmental Assessment Should Be Rejected as Inadequate  
Until Those Shortcomings are Fully Addressed

1. WHEREAS, on December 21, 2011, the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") approved for public availability its "Environmental Assessment for the Proposed I-395 HOV Ramp at Seminary Road"; and
2. WHEREAS there are numerous relevant matters which do not appear to have received thorough consideration; and
3. WHEREAS, in supporting their original request for a Categorical Exclusion ("CE"), VDOT repeatedly stated that a comprehensive Environmental Assessment ("EA") would delay the project by 12-14 months; yet the EA now provided took roughly one third of the time that a comprehensive one was to take; and
4. WHEREAS primary justifications for the proposed ramp are stated to be (a) the "high volume of (BRAC-133) employee travel (on I-395) originating from the south" and (b) that "up to forty percent of employees would utilize I-395 as the primary access road to the site from points south", neither assertion is supported by factual data; and
5. WHEREAS the EA takes no account of existing I-395 traffic which will be drawn to the Seminary Road exit when it becomes the first and only available HOV exit from I-395 between Franconia/Springfield Parkway and the Pentagon; and
6. WHEREAS the "study area" fails to take into consideration the impact that the proposed ramp will have on nearby intersections, many of which VDOT has previously documented as about to have (if not already having) failing levels of service ("LOS") even before the addition of yet more vehicles drawn by the proposed ramp; and
7. WHEREAS it appears illogical that the northbound I-395 ramp to Seminary Road operated at a LOS D in 2009 but in the "No Build" option is projected to improve to LOS B by 2015 and remain at LOS B for 20 years beyond that; and
8. WHEREAS, apart from "relieving congestion" on the (two) I-395 on and off ramps, the only stated purpose (and implied purview) of the EA was to "address the need for adequate transit vehicle and High Occupancy Vehicle access to the Mark Center" which is, in fact, but one of innumerable, significant current and future traffic generators in the area; and
9. WHEREAS, despite the foregoing, the EA later states that "without improved access to Mark Center...the surrounding freeway network will not be able to handle this additional traffic..." offering false hope when VDOT's own EA for the HOT lanes concluded "the level of service will deteriorate to 'F' throughout most of the (I-395) corridor"; and

10. WHEREAS, despite VDOT asserting that it is the BRAC-133 facility that precipitates the need for the ramp, representatives of the Department of Defense have stated they do not view BRAC-133 as having precipitated any need for the ramp and are thus not prepared to contribute to its funding - logic which VDOT does not appear to challenge; and
11. WHEREAS no assessment has been made of Mark Center's ability to cope with additional large (van and bus) "High Occupancy Vehicle access" despite reports that the Transportation Center is already unable to cope adequately with the currently-existing demands; and
12. WHEREAS the only options considered were (a) the ramp connecting to east and west Seminary or (b) the ramp connecting only to west Seminary or (c) no build. No other I-395 interchanges nor any high capacity transit options were evaluated despite NEPA's stated requirement that an EA "look at alternative means" to achieve the objectives; and
13. WHEREAS it is difficult to reconcile the statement that "construction...would result in the removal of the trees, shrubs and other vegetation increasing the visibility of the roadway" with the subsequent assertion that "there would be no effect to the character of the study area"; and
14. WHEREAS it is difficult to reconcile inevitably increased traffic throughout the area with VDOT's statement that there will be "no adverse impacts to ambient air quality"; and
15. WHEREAS, despite the request of area homeowners, no effort has been made to project the impact that the ramp, the lost trees and the erection of sound walls will have on property values; and
16. WHEREAS characterizing the area as one of "dense urban development consisting of high-rise residential...the high-rise Mark Center...and businesses" is not consistent with the opinions of local residents who view their neighborhoods as suburban with numerous single family homes and cul de sacs; and
17. WHEREAS the numerous development plans for extensive new projects in the area do not support the statement that "With the exception of Mark Center, most other planned development projects in the study area vicinity are small", which leads one to question how valid VDOT's projections of future area growth/congestion are; and
18. WHEREAS many members of the public disagree with the statement that there has been "Early and continuing coordination with the general public...to determine the scope of the environmental documentation, level of analysis, potential impacts, and mitigation measures and environmental requirements"; and
19. WHEREAS NEPA requires that an EA consider the "cumulative impact" of "past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions", VDOT has refused to do so despite there being many such actions of major consequence including (a) VDOT's own HOT Lanes project (b) VDOT's intent to create an I-395 northbound "auxiliary lane" from Duke Street to Seminary Road without conducting any environmental assessment whatsoever and (c) VDOT's apparent intent to also consider an I-395 southbound "auxiliary lane" from Seminary Road to Duke Street, presumably also without conducting any environmental assessment; and
20. WHEREAS no attempt has been made to evaluate the impact on I-395 traffic of recent significant reductions in Metro subsidies for federal employees or as a result of intended significant increases in Metro fares; and
21. WHEREAS, several years ago, the City Council of Alexandria passed a resolution requesting VDOT to "eliminate from further consideration...a High Occupancy Vehicle ramp at Seminary Road", based upon staff's review that "indicate(d) the primary destinations of HOV traffic (which would use) HOV ramps at Seminary Road (would be) Crystal City, the Pentagon and Potomac Yard...conveying substantial cut through traffic...filter(ing) through the local street network"; and
22. WHEREAS VDOT and our Commonwealth seemingly continue to place their focus on building ever more roads in our region while (a) the vast preponderance of information which the public sees and hears stresses that high capacity

transit is the only viable "solution" to our traffic congestion and (b) the Governor states that we need a broader vision for transit and promotes his "Super NOVA" transit study; and

23. WHEREAS the community was advised to submit concerns, questions and suggestions it had about this project to VDOT by September 12, 2011, but to date has received no response; and

24. WHEREAS the Mayor of the City of Alexandria, on behalf of its impacted residents, requested that VDOT's public hearing be conducted in an open discussion forum/format, but VDOT declined to do so;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(a) The December 21, 2011 Virginia Department of Transportation "Environmental Assessment for the Proposed I-395 HOV Ramp at Seminary Road" be rejected as incomplete based upon its failure to address the numerous issues enumerated above; and

(b) VDOT be requested/directed to address the above shortcomings and resubmit the revised Environmental Assessment for reconsideration by the affected public and the Federal Highway Administration; and furthermore

(c) Should the numerous deficiencies of the Environmental Assessment not be thoroughly addressed and satisfactorily resolved, then the Federal Highway Administration should NOT issue any Finding of No Significant Impact but rather insist that either

a. an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for this project or

b. the "no build" option be the one chosen.

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**150 Christina Lytle**

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This project was flawed & backwards from the start. Build a HUGE office complex. Realize the roads & traffic won't support it. Try to put a road through Winkler Botanical Nature preserve. Public outcry. Nix that. Try to improve the ramp & what's there. OH WAIT! We need an EIS that will help us put a tiny bandaid on the problem. How about listening to the people who live here & really fix the problem. The timeline is already screwed up so take the extra time to try to get it right.

**141 Wafa Nasr**

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This will hurt us deeply:  
Health wise and  
financially.

**136 Faith Holcombe**

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Please consider how you would feel if this were your neighborhood.

Has a study been done to determine just how many vehicles would be coming to BRAC from the south? Are there enough to justify this enormous cost?

**135 Francis Hall**

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Opposed to Ramp from I395 to Seminary Rd

**128 Carrie Bruno**

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The residents should not have to suffer because of poor planning by the DOD.

**126 Richard Frank**

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The expenditure of \$80 M is not supported by the thru-put. Spend the money on lengthening the Duke Street Bridge to support both the south bound exit lane and the a new thru lane to clear up the existing bottle neck.

**122 Cynthia Evans**

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The current attempts to address traffic around BRAC have not been well thought out and the need for local traffic to switch lanes repeatedly is dangerous. Any further action must only be taken after much more consideration & with the intent of putting those of us who live in Alexandria City first . We drive these roads daily and continue to try to enjoy our city which is becoming less green and more urban (not in a good way) every day-Alexandria is becoming a place we don't recognize or like.

**119 Matthew Anderson**

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Redevelop Landmark Mall and generate revenue for Alexandria. Build a flyover to Mark Center or a shuttle service to and from Landmark. Seminary Road interchange was horrendous--now it is a travesty and Alexandria police are idling in cruisers every day.

**118 J mARX**

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THIS WILL MAKE THIS END OF THE CITY VIRTUALLY LOCKED UP WITH TRAFFIC.

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**117 Ann Henshaw**

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The assessment is flawed and the ramp is NOT the answer to the increasing traffic congestion.

**109 Gerrish Flynn**

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Please don't BRAC-133 us yet again!! Don't further ruin west Alexandria!! Protect our neighborhood!!

**105 John Veldhuis**

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There are several shortcomings with the proposed plan that need to be addressed before any further PR sessions are held.

**99 dana purdy**

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I live next to N. Van Dorn St-across from I-395 seminary rd ramp and are very concerned about the proposed ramp site/noise/destruction of trees

**95 Joan Dreyer**

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Consider using unused parking at Landmark Shopping center as satellite spaces for the BRAC. Include Landmark as one of the shuttle stops.

**93 Jeanette S. Robertson**

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Will decrease good air quality. Need to look to future for more public transportation.

**92 Charles Sumpter**

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We can all agree that traffic and congestion are a major issue with respect to seminary road. Having lived right off seminary at one point in time, I know how difficult the morning peak is, but as well as the PM peak. The PM peak needs just as much consideration and more work needs to be done to strike just the right balance.

**82 Robert Schnurr**

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This document is incomplete and certainly needs proper public opinion research surveys of employers, drivers and impacted neighbors. For exampe, no concern has been shown for the regional hospital's access issues and numerous patients served by surrounding medical service providers. BRAC will be full of life threatening collateral damage. Good job Donny Rumsfeld.

**80 Julie Edelson**

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The draft VDOT Environmental Assessment and expected format of the public informational meeting this evening fail to thoroughly review the communities concerns. I find the scope of this project lacking, which may truly underestimate the overall impacts to our neighborhoods and the regional transit system. Although a possible benefit, the I-395 HOV Ramp Environmental Assessment needs more depth to allow effective and thoughtful pre-planning.

**75 William Rougle**

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Poor design and lack of consideration for those living in the impacted area must be addressed before moving forward



with any plans to build any type of ramp in this area.

**69 Randall Gafner**

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I sign this petition to protest the troubling series of mistakes made through the years regarding the siting of the BRAC project. BRAC is important just not sited at Mark Center. Elected officials and area residents alike have historically opposed this development when revealed. All of these current proposals for changes to Seminary Road should have been considered years ago in preliminary planning. Now the region suffers at every attempt to correct a mistake that should never have happened.

**63 Erin Joy**

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This proposed ramp will result in a negative impact to my way of life, health, safety, local school, and to my principal assess. Our local community will see increased traffic, pollution, drop in real estate value, and our quality of life. Our local taxes will also be affected by increase need for road repair on our city streets. We are already seeing the negative impact from the poor decision and planning behind the building of the BRAC building please don't make another mistake.

**59 Nancy Veldhuis**

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Words are inadequate to describe the frustration resulting from City, State, & Federal officials seeming inability/unwillingness to look beyond their own self-interests to solve the problems that the increased traffic as the result of BRAC 133 has caused & will cause on our neighborhood streets & the quality of life of those of us who live, pay considerable taxes & conduct business in this area. Face the real situation with vision & careful planning rather than leave us with the messy aftermath

**53 Don Buch**

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Are the citizens/taxpayers/voters not entitled to a more thorough EA and answers to their many questions? I sincerely hope our City government will consider the views of the impacted residents and get us answers before they contemplate whether or not to support the ramp, based upon such limited information.

**32 Karen Auth**

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Along with the 24 points brought up, I am also concerned about the wildlife living on that stretch of land, specifically a family of deer.

**28 Elizabeth Blackwell**

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Neither the civilian, nor the military authorities, pushing through development, BRAC or otherwise, have not conducted due diligence or provided accurate impact analysis on further development related to the ramp. This ramp not address additional traffic issue, but only add to the misery of commuters and the neighborhood alike. Mandatory, free, dedicated shuttle buses are option that must be explored and may actually help ease traffic.

**22 Wilhelmina Dixon**

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More study needed!

**17 Harriett McCune**

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Please reject the VDOT environmental assessment for the ramp at Seminary Road until the shortcomings are addressed.

**16 James Norman**

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One more time, the professionals do not listen to those affected. We are a city of smart people who could contribute measurably to a solution. Why do you not listen?

**12 William Guinan**

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Change this road construction plan. It will devalue the real estate adversely effected by the construction. If you don't stop the construction then pay the land owners for the lost value of their land.

**8 Josef Tomasek**

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Leave it as it is. We don't need a wall. Save the trees!!!!!!!

**7 Ingrid Tomasek**

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We are facing 395 and Van Dorn. At least we have a few trees to look out on! Save the trees!!!

**3 Kathleen M. Burns**

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We heard the VDOT presentation on Jan. 18. This will do very little in evening traffic to mitigate the problems and the 30 ft sound walls will make our neighborhood look like an urban ghetto. There are better ways to spend \$80 million.

**1 Diane Costello**

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The City of Alexandria should be signing this as well....or are they going to short change the West End again, by not addressing a deeply flawed EA? We do not need a repeat of the BRAC 133 mess. This is a perfect illustration of the precarious road you go down when a poor decision is made at the outset.