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The Honorable William Euille
Mayor City of Alexandria
Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
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Subject: Mark Center Access

Dear Mayor Euille:

Over the last 9-months we have conducted extensive study of potential direct access alternatives to the Mark Center site from I-395. The study process has unveiled critical information about the practical performance and public acceptance of the various alternatives considered. Between the technical results of the study and the feedback received from local citizens and elected officials, it is clear that while alternative A1 may be acceptable from a land impact standpoint, it does not perform well enough to satisfy the project purpose & need. On the other hand, Alternative D performs well from a practical traffic standpoint but is highly resisted due to its impacts on the Winkler Preserve.

Due to the above facts, VDOT is removing from consideration Alternatives A1, D, and any of the other alternatives documented in the Mark Center Access Study conducted by the Department. VDOT remains open to studying a concept that looks at providing access from the northbound HOV lanes to the Seminary Road Interchange as suggested in your March 24, 2010 letter. Attached is a drawing of this new concept, prepared by our technical staff. We are calling this Concept 'F' at this point. VDOT does not currently have the funding to study this concept. Consequently, VDOT requests your support to pay for any additional studies.

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We remain very concerned about the BRAC 133 opening day traffic conditions and we look forward to working with you to find an acceptable solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronaldo T. Nicholson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E.
Regional Transportation Program Director

Attachment: Concept 'F' drawing
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Alternative F

New Buildings (BRAC 133)

Internal Roadways

Reversible Ramp







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ALTERNATIVE F

FIGURE: 1-2

SHEET: 1 OF 1

SCALE: 0 30 60 120 180 Feet

DATE: March 2010