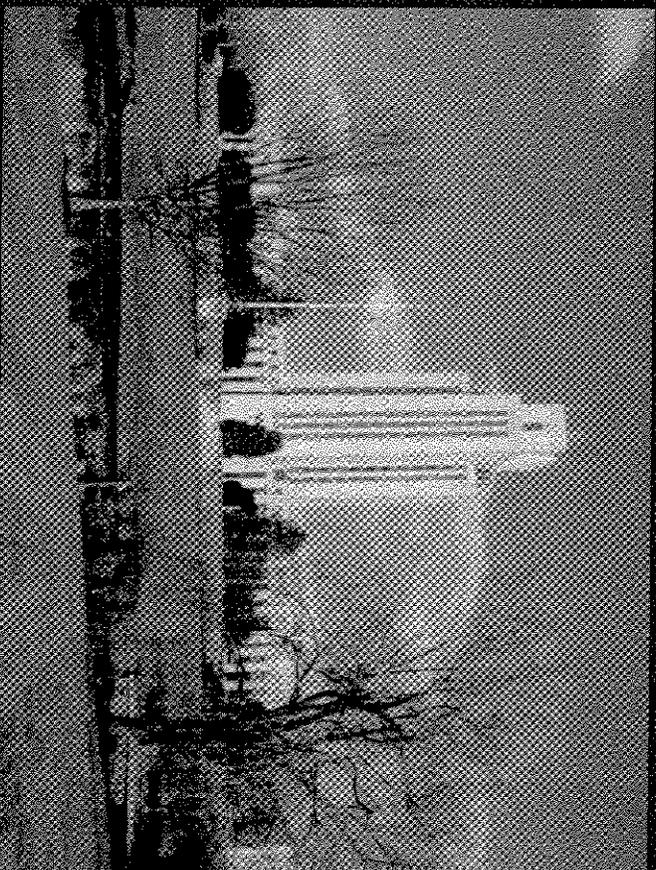


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BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTION AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER BETHESDA, MD

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BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS

- **The Defense BRAC Commission was established by Public Law 101-510 (BRAC Law).**
- **Recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission (2005 BRAC Law) specified realignment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington DC as follows:**
 - a) Relocate all tertiary (sub-specialty and complex care) medical services to NNMCC, establishing it as the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, MD.
 - b) Relocate Legal Medicine to the new WRNMMC.
 - c) Relocate sufficient personnel to the new WRNMMC to establish a Program Management Office that will coordinate pathology results, contract administration, and quality assurance and control of DOD second opinion consults worldwide.
 - d) Relocate all non-tertiary (primary and specialty) patient care functions to a new community hospital at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Environmental Impact Statement

Preferred Alternative:

- 1,144,000 square feet (SF) new facilities, 508,000 SF renovated space and 824,000 SF parking.
- Up to 2,500 additional staff and base services personnel.
 - Approximately 2200 from Walter Reed Army Medical Center
 - Remainder from other potential Master Plan projects
- 484,600 additional patients and visitors annually (1860 per day). *Admission of visitors*
- Impact to associated roadways and infrastructure.

IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY

- BRAC project results in approximately \$1.3 billion in local sales volume (40% directly from BRAC awards)
- Increase in employees, patients and visitors will have impact on local transportation network
 - Impacts evaluated in EIS
 - Improvements recommended on-base and on surrounding transportation network

MITIGATION

Traffic – On NNMC

- **Proposing mitigation actions for BRAC funding:**
 - Gate improvements to two Rockville Pike gates and three Jones Bridge Road Gates to improve traffic flow and minimize queuing onto local roads.
 - Improvement to one intersection on base to ease visitor and patient traffic flow to parking garages.
 - Improvement to perimeter road to re-route truck traffic away from main hospital and pedestrian routes.
 - Implement studies at gates and two intersections to determine which improvements (construction/operations) would have greatest impact to traffic flow.
- **NNMC will update current Traffic Management Plan as part of Master Plan Update (FY08)**
 - Plan will evaluate additional programmatic improvements to encourage mass transit use and promote pedestrian and bicycle commuting to NNMC.
 - Programs to be considered include telecommuting, mass transit incentives, parking management, increasing service of existing shuttle busses, etc.

MITIGATION

Traffic – Off Base

- Navy is submitting request for Defense Access Roads Program certification:
 - Improvements to Rockville Pike/North Wood Road Intersection.
 - High-speed elevators to provide Metrorail access from the NNMC side of Rockville Pike.
- Maryland DOT:
 - Maryland has programmed \$45 million for improvements to intersections surrounding NNMC. (Funding for FY08-FY11)
- Montgomery County:
 - Pursuing improvements to local pedestrian and bicycle network around NNMC.
 - Significant financial constraints may limit/preclude local projects

DAR PROGRAM

- DAR Certification is necessary step to use DoD funds for off-base transportation improvements
 - DAR Certification results from a demonstration of a significant impact to a roadway or intersection
 - DAR Program has not certified any mass transit projects to date
- Improvements to Rockville Pike/North Wood Road Intersection
 - North Wood Road gate is most used entrance to NNMC. Increased traffic will impact surrounding intersections.
 - Project proposed for DAR Certification would improve turning lanes to move traffic more effectively onto NNMC property for security screening and decrease impact to Rockville Pike and surrounding intersections.
- Installation of East side entrance to Medical Center Metrorail station
 - Due to increased employee presence and limited parking availability, increased Metrorail ridership is an essential part of post-BRAC Transportation Management on the new Military Medical Center
 - Project proposed for DAR Certification would create a bank of elevators on NNMC side of Rockville Pike to promote Metrorail Ridership, reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts on Rockville Pike, improve vehicular egress from NNMC during the afternoon, and could provide emergency egress of patients, visitors and staff to mass transit

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- **DAR projects may not be certified**
 - DAR Program would set precedent with certification of mass transit improvements
- **Funding for Improvements is Currently Unidentified**
 - BUMED is the submitting agency
 - TMA is the funding agency
- **Montgomery County Will Request Support**
 - Montgomery County will pursue support for DAR projects from Maryland elected representatives
 - Significant financial constraints may limit/preclude local projects