

Briefing

MEMORANDUM

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TO: County Council

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SUBJECT: **Briefing** –Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Implementation
At the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda

The Council has requested a briefing on the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. The BRAC is expected to increase staffing and visitors by an additional 2,500 employees and over 1,860 patients and visitors daily at the NNMC.

The following individuals will conduct the briefing:

Activities of the BRAC Implementation Committee and transportation design issues

John Carman, Chair, BRAC Implementation Committee
Phil Alperson, Staff, BRAC Implementation Committee
Robin McElhenny-Smith, Program Manager of Station Area Planning,
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
Sara E. Benson, Civil Engineer, Office of Station Area Planning & Asset
Management, WMATA
Barb Solberg, Assistant Division Chief, Highway Design Division,
State Highway Administration (SHA) Office of Highway Development
Christina Lavoie, Project Manager, SHA (for MD 355/Cedar Lane, MD 355/Jones
Bridge Road, and MD 187/Cedar Lane)
Jialin Tian, Project Manager, SHA (for MD 185/Jones Bridge Road)

Planning issues including transportation, housing, services, etc. impacted by BRAC

Dan Hardy, Chief, Move/Transportation Planning
Larry Cole, Highway Coordinator, Move/Transportation Planning Division
Kathy Reilly, Planner-Coordinator, Vision/Community-Based Planning
Nkosi Yearwood, Senior Planner, Vision/Community-Based Planning

Attachment: BRAC Transportation Projects Matrix

BRAC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS MATRIX (WORK IN PROGRESS, AS OF 6-19-09)

NOTE: Bethesda BRAC interagency coordination group includes MDOT, MCDOT, MC BRAC Coordinator, MNCPPC, SHA, MTA, NNMC & NIH

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRIMARY AGENCY</u>	<u>OTHER AGENCIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TARGET COMPLETION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>CURRENT FUNDING</u>
<u>ON-CAMPUS PROJECTS</u>							
1. NNMC On-Base Traffic Projects **	On-campus road and gate improvements to help off-campus traffic flow	Navy	n/a	In NNMC Master Plan	Sept. 2011	n/a	in MilCon budget
2. North Wood Road Turn Lane **	Improve traffic flow on MD 355 at north gate	Navy	MDOT/SHA NIH	In NNMC Master Plan	Sept. 2011	\$1-2 million	in MilCon budget
3. 2-3 New NNMC Garages **	Additional parking for personnel and patients	Navy	n/a	one garage in planning phase	Sept. 2011	n/a	two in MilCon budget
① 4. NNMC TMP **	Incentives for alternate Modes of transportation	Navy	n/a	in Master Plan	Sept. 2011	n/a	funded
<u>OFF-CAMPUS PROJECTS</u>							
5. East-side Metro Entrance/ Pedestrian Access Project **	Support increase transit use; gridlock relief; pedestrian mobility and safety	WMATA	MDOT/MTA MoCo DOT NNMC, NIH	WMATA project ? evaluation underway		>\$15-60 million?	Defense Access Road request pending/In FY2011 DOD budget/ Economic Stimulus?
6. Improve Major Intersections **	Improve traffic flow at main intersections serving NNMC	MDOT/SHA	MC-DOT NIH, NNMC	D&E in progress; Public input spring 2009	Sept. 2011	>\$45.3 million (\$215 million?)	\$45.3 million/ ** (\$29.4 million)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedar Lane @ MD 355 • Cedar Lane @ MD 187 • Jones Bridge Road @ MD 185 • Jones Bridge Road @ MD 355 						

7. Pedestrian/Bike Paths **	Improve and complete paths around NNMC	MoCo DOT	MDOT/SHA NIH, MNCPPC	Facility Study to be conducted	Sept. 2011	?	\$750,000 OEA study grant approved 4/09
8. WMATA/RideOn Enhanced Bus Service **	Expand bus and depot capacity for more shuttle service	MoCo DOT WMATA	MDOT/MTA NNMC	RideOn depot in County budget	Sept. 2011	\$5.3 million	possible State LOTS funds/WMATA BRAC bus study underway
9. Kiss & Ride drop-offs **	BIC proposed near gates at MD 355 & JBR	Navy	WMATA MDOT/SHA	n/a	n/a **	n/a	Part of Navy gate or Metro entrance plans?
10. Coordinate w/NIH Shuttle Buses **	Cost-effective way to promote transit	Navy/NIH	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	WMATA BRAC bus study underway

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**** NOTES:**

1. On-base traffic mitigations are detailed in master Plan Update, submitted to NCPC November 7, 2008.
2. Navy has committed to making North Wood turn lane improvements in conjunction with improvements at North Wood Gate.
3. Second proposed garage is in budget but has not yet funded; third garage has not yet been budgeted.
4. TMP detailed in Master Plan Update, submitted to NCPC November 7, 2008.
5. Defense Access Road request pending at DOD. WMATA conducting feasibility study for MDOT/MTA; ultimate responsibility for project not yet determined. \$20 million placeholder in FY2011 DOD budget, Proposals under consideration include: Elevators to shallow pedestrian tunnel that connects to west-side entrance; Deep east-side elevators to Metro platform; Combination of shallow pedestrian tunnel and deep east-side elevators; Pedestrian overpass; and No-build option that provides for pedestrian safety enhancements (signage, signaling, islands etc.)
6. \$45.3 million has been programmed through Sept. 2011, but \$15.9 million in out-year construction funding has been deferred. Current funding includes \$5 million FY08 and 09 congressional earmarks and \$500,000 OEA grant. Public Workshop, April 2, 2009 showed \$215 million worth of potential improvements. Actual construction TBD; D&E to determine whether all mitigation proposals are feasible or within budget.
7. BRAC Implementation Committee helped develop improvement plan. May 2009: DOD Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) approved MC-DOT \$750,000 grant for Facility Study.
8. North County Depot is in County budget, but state or federal funds will be needed to acquire additional buses for shuttle service; MDOT-MTA conducting statewide BRAC bus studies – WMATA headingh Bethesda BRAC study
9. BRAC Implementation Committee has proposed Navy add Kiss and Ride drop-offs near its gates along MD 355 and Jones Bridger Road to facilitate traffic flow along those roads. May be included in Navy gate improvements and/or Metro entrance project.
10. BIC has proposed that NNMC work with NIH to coordinate shuttle bus needs.