

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 20, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 81 : FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL BRAC-133  
TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

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As Council is aware, when VDOT recently wrote the City to indicate its conclusions on their BRAC-133 Intersection Justification Report Study (i.e., they rejected for further study Alternates D and A1, but indicated a willingness to study direct HOV lane access to the Seminary Road interchange), VDOT also indicated that the City should pay for the studies. City staff immediately contacted the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), and OEA has tentatively agreed to pay 50% of the \$282,000 estimated cost of these studies. This would leave a City share of \$141,000 (rounded up to \$150,000 to create some contingency amount). At this time, staff has identified \$150,000 that can be carved out of the FY 2010 WMATA operating subsidy savings (caused by higher State aid allocated to the City for transit purposes) that occurred in FY 2010.

In addition to the VDOT study, T&ES staff believes that additional monies will be needed to complete traffic modeling and to assist City staff analyze data related to the VDOT study, and otherwise assist City staff with the VDOT study. As was the case with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, the City cannot entirely rely upon and work through State/federal agencies in order to protect its local interests. T&ES staff are developing a work program and detailed budget for this effort. It is contemplated that the funds needed for this effort will be internally identified, and as such will not need to be added to the FY 2011 budget by Council.