

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 26, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 83: CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF \$500,000 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOODS AFFECTED BY THE BRAC-133 FACILITY

As requested by City Council at the Monday, April 25 work session, the following information is provided about the BRAC-133 Neighborhood Protection Plan T&ES has been developing. The opening of the BRAC-133 facility in fall 2011 will generate significant new traffic on the surrounding roadway network. In order to address community concerns regarding cut-through traffic on local and residential streets, a proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan is in the early stages of being developed.

The boundaries of the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan for the BRAC-133 facility, including sixteen roadway sections that may benefit from traffic calming or cut-through traffic mitigation measures, are shown on Attachment 1. This Attachment has been presented to the BRAC-133 Advisory Group. All identified roadway sections will be counted prior to the opening of the BRAC facility to provide baseline speed and volume data. These counts are currently underway and will be completed prior to mid-June 2011. Follow up counts will be conducted soon after the opening of the BRAC facility to quantify the effects on the neighborhood roadways and prioritize physical neighborhood protection measures, such as speed humps or mini-roundabouts.

Of the sixteen identified roadway sections, it is anticipated approximately ten of these roadway sections will see quantifiable increases in traffic and would be eligible for physical improvements through the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan. Assuming each physical improvement costs approximately \$50,000 for design and construction, the total cost of implementing the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan is estimated at \$500,000.

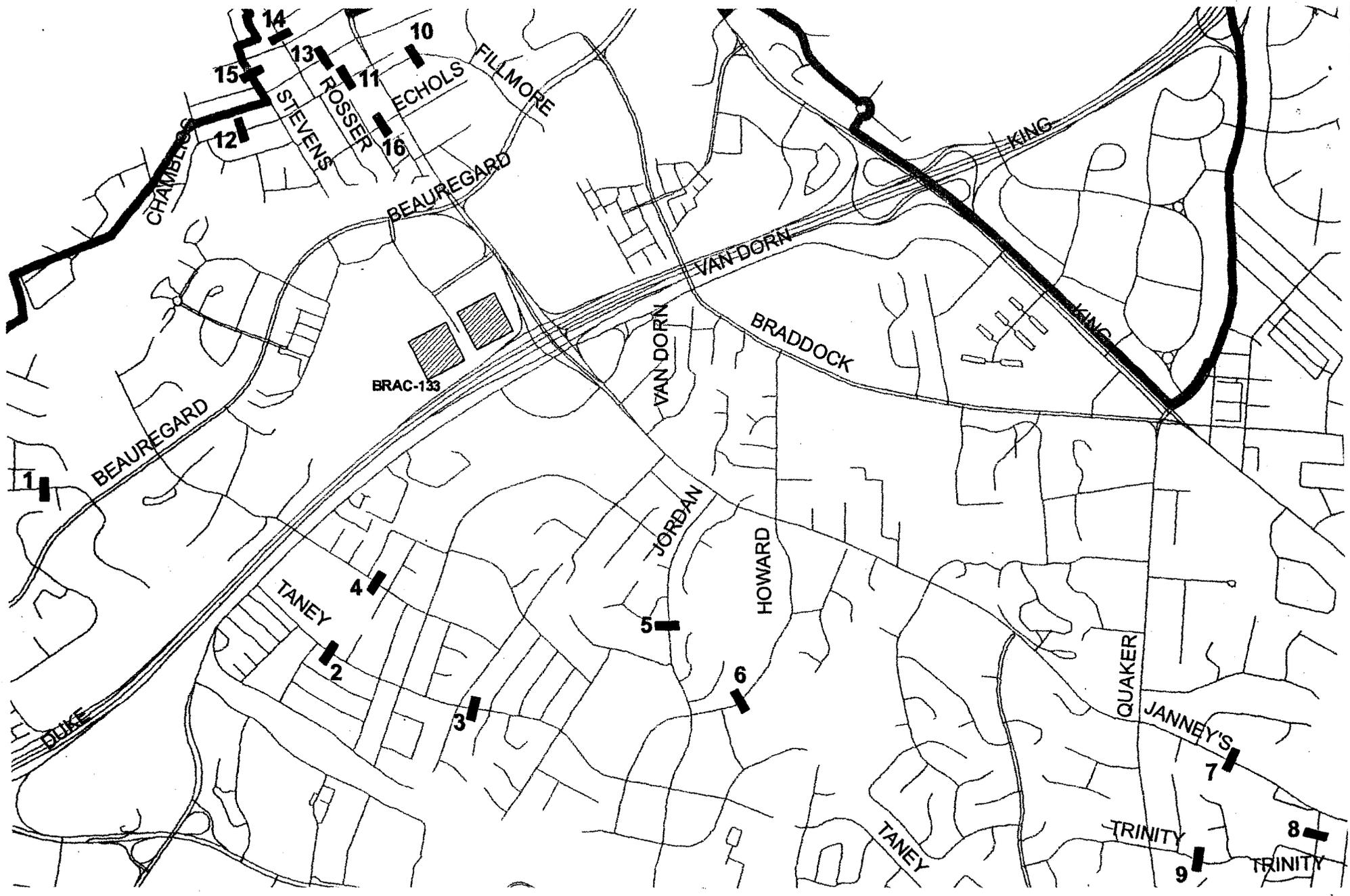
At the Monday, April 25 work session, the idea of allocating \$500,000 in State Urban funds for Neighborhood Protection Plan purposes was discussed by Council. These Urban Funds could be made available from the \$2.0 million in Urban Funds proposed to be reallocated from the Eisenhower Avenue Widening project as part of the Proposed FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program. The Department of Defense has recently announced full funding of the short and mid-

term BRAC-related road improvements; however, there are still local traffic issues that must be addressed.

It is uncertain at this time if Urban Funds can be used for the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan purposes. Urban Funds regulations are not explicit in stating that traffic calming type projects are eligible projects. In a discussion held on Tuesday, April 26 with City staff, VDOT staff indicated that traffic calming type projects may or may not be eligible, and that the City could submit them for VDOT review. Although the use of Urban Funds for traffic calming purposes is uncertain, it is recommended that Council fund the proposed Neighborhood Protection Program with Urban Funds as part of the FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program. Should City staff be informed Urban Funds cannot be used for the stated purposes in this memorandum, staff would present options to City Council to shift Urban Funds associated with the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan. Urban Funds could be shifted to a project that has received City Funds (and also eligible for Urban Funds), thus freeing City funds to be allocated to the proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan.

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1: Potential Traffic Calming Locations



Legend:

 Traffic Count Location

Specific Locations:

- 1. N. Morgan bet Beauregard & Chambliss
- 2. Taney between Van Dom & Pegram
- 3. Taney between Pegram & Jordan
- 4. Richenbacher bet Van Dorn & Pegram

- 5. N. Jordan bet Seminary & Taney
- 6. N. Howard bet Seminary & Jordan
- 7. Janney's between Quaker & Yale
- 8. Yale between Janney's & Trinity
- 9. Trinity between Duke & Yale
- 10. Fillmore bet Seminary & Beauregard
- 11. Fillmore between Seminary & Rosser

- 12. Fillmore between Stevens & Lacy Blvd
- 13. Dawes between Seminary & Rosser
- 14. N. Rosser Street
- 15. N. Stevens Street
- 16. Echols Avenue

Potential Traffic Calming Locations

Attachment 1

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