

4.0 Traffic Impact Analysis

4.1 Summaries of Previous Traffic Studies

4.1.1 Mark Centre Parcel 1A and 1B Traffic Impact Study and Transportation Management Plan, Wells and Associates, March 31, 2003

Scope of Analysis

The study was prepared for the Mark Winkler Company. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the traffic impacts from developing Parcels 1A and 1B, a total of 1,743, 116 square feet of office space by Mark Winkler Company previously approved by City of Alexandria. Traffic impacts from the generated trips on the adjacent roadway network were analyzed and roadway improvements along with TDM strategies were proposed to achieve mobility.

Methodology

The TIS/TMP included the following tasks:

- Conducted traffic counts of adjacent roadway network
- Used ITE trip generation rates for Parcels 1A, 1B and IDA Building based on net square footage of the floor area for office land use; number of employees were not considered
- Projected future traffic without ambient growth adjustment
- Used 10 percent TMP reduction for mode choice was
- Distributed trip distribution based on then existing traffic patterns
- LOS analysis for the existing intersections with and without projected development trips
- Identified TDM strategies to reduce the proportion of single occupancy vehicle trips and to promote transit, shuttle bus, rideshare and flexible work schedules among employees

Based on the LOS analysis of the future traffic demand, the following roadway improvements were identified as necessary to maintain the existing LOS at the signalized intersections,

- Third west bound-to-southbound left-turn lane along Seminary Road at N. Beauregard Street
- Second southbound-to-eastbound left turn lane along N. Beauregard Street at Mark Center Drive
- Installation of a new traffic signal at the Mark Center Drive/IDA Drive on-site intersection

Study Conclusions

The report concludes that with the implementation of the proposed roadway improvements and 10 percent TMP trip reduction, all study intersections will operate at an acceptable LOS under full buildout and occupancy conditions.

4.1.2 Seminary Road / Beaugard Street Corridor Study, Wilbur Smith Associates, January 19, 2007

Scope of Analysis

The study was completed for the City of Alexandria. The purpose of the study was to identify, analyze and make short and long term recommendations to address operational and safety issues within the study corridor. The study area included the section of Beaugard Street between Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive.

Methodology

The study utilized a series of neighborhood meetings to identify traffic issues and concerns along the corridor. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic counts were taken to establish baseline conditions. Future conditions assumed office development of Mark Center Parcels 1A and 1B. The traffic forecasts prepared by Wells and Associates, TIMP, March 2003 were used to develop future volumes. Several scenarios of road improvements were evaluated by the study which included widening of Seminary Road and Beaugard Street to allow additional turn lanes.

Study Conclusions

The report concludes with a series of short term (within 2 years) and mid-term (5-10 years) recommendations to improve safety and mobility. Many of the recommendations are focused on improving access by pedestrians and transit users.

4.1.3 I-95/I-395 Transit/TDM Study, TDM Technical Committee, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, February 29, 2008

Scope of Analysis

This study was made in conjunction with the I-95/ I-395 HOV/Bus/HOT lane project to specifically address transit needs and services within the corridor. The study provides a comprehensive examination of existing transit services within the corridor.

Methodology

A set of alternatives were evaluated based upon a tiered level of investment. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Travel Demand Management (TDM) model was used to predict changes in travelers' likelihood to use various modes of travel when offered particular TDM strategies. In other words the study could evaluate strategies to reduce single occupancy vehicles.

Study Conclusions

The study includes an investment strategy to fund the recommended Refined Alternative and Park and Ride Analysis with estimates of anticipated available revenues.

4.1.4 Transportation Improvement Management Plan (TIMP), Wells and Associates, July 30, 2008

Scope of Analysis

Prepared for WHS and Duke Realty Corporation, the study updates and supersedes the March 31, 2003 Traffic Impact Study and Transportation Management Plan approved by the City of Alexandria. The revised TIMP is based on the specific BRAC-133 requirements of the proposed WHS development at the Mark Center site. The TIMP examines the existing intersection levels of service (LOS) for seven off-site and two on-site intersections; projects future traffic volumes, with and without BRAC 133; estimates BRAC 133 auto-, shuttle bus-, and truck-trips; analyses future intersection levels of service, with and without BRAC 133; and provides a queuing analysis.

Methodology

The TIMP was based on the following assumptions:

- Traffic counts:
 - Used May 2002 data without ambient growth adjustment
 - Used ITE trip generation rates for IDA Building 5 with a 10 percent TMP reduction.
 - Trip distribution based on then existing traffic patterns
 - Trip generation for WHS facility based three work shifts per day with 83 percent of total employees scheduled for day shift. The trip generation rate is further adjusted 25 percent to discount employees not reporting to work due to illness, vacation or on flex time
 - Of employees reporting to work 60 percent are expected to drive automobile.
- Anticipated improvements for projected LOS:
 - Third west bound-to-southbound left-turn lane along Seminary Road at N. Beaugard Street
 - Second southbound-to-eastbound left turn lane along N. Beaugard Street at Mark Center Drive
 - Installation of a new traffic signal at the Mark Center Drive/IDA Drive on-site intersection
 - Signal timing optimization

Study Conclusions

- “All signalized intersections are forecasted to operate at level of service (LOS) “D” or better during both the AM and PM peak hours, with the additional traffic generated by full build out and occupancy of WHS.”
- “Sufficient garage driveway capacity and multiple points of access will be provided to adequately accommodate peak hour traffic expected to be generated by build out and full occupancy of WHS.”

- Mark Center is currently serviced by several mass transit services that provide access to multiple Metro stations on three Metro lines (Orange, Blue and Yellow).

4.1.5 I-95/I-395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes Interchange Justification Report (IJR), HNTB, January 7, 2009

Scope of Analysis

The IJR was prepared for VDOT for submission to the Federal Highway Administration for approval of a proposed interchange and access modifications to a 36-mile section of I-95/I-395 between Garrisonville Road (Route 610) in Stafford County and Boundary Channel Drive in Arlington County. The project proposes to add a third lane to the existing 28-miles of HOV lanes on I-95/I-395 from South Eads Street near the Pentagon in Arlington County, to their existing southern terminus Route 234 (Dumfries Road) near Dumfries in Prince William County and to convert these lanes to HOV/Bus/HOT lanes. In addition, the project proposes to improve modal interrelationships by adding new direct ramp access from the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes to the General Purpose (GP) lanes at eleven (11) locations, one of which is at Seminary Road. The change will allow transit vehicles to use the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes toll free and implement TDM strategies that will improve the interrelationships between GP lanes, HOV/Bus/HOT lanes, mass transit and ridesharing along the I-95/I-395 corridor.

Methodology

The operational performance of I-95/I-395 was evaluated for three analysis years: existing conditions, opening year (2015) and design year (2030). Raw traffic forecast model data were post processed for future 2015 and 2030 Build and No-Build forecast scenarios on the mainline, HOV/Bus/HOT lanes, ramps, and interchanging crossroad intersections. The post processing of forecast mainline and ramp volumes were based on procedures detailed in *NCHRP 255, Highway Traffic Data for Urbanized Area Project Planning and Design*.

Study Conclusions

The study concludes that the proposed project will relieve congestion at key locations within the improvement limits and meets the justification requirements specified by the FHWA.

4.1.6 Mark Center (BRAC) Transportation Study, Technical Memorandum, Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB), April, 2009

Scope of Analysis

This study was prepared for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The purpose of the study was to evaluate the impact of BRAC development at the Mark Center on the surrounding arterials and the I-395 Interchange. The Technical Memorandum provides a critical review of the July 2008 TIMP and includes its own independent traffic analysis of the existing, opening year and 2030 traffic conditions.

Methodology

The PB report analyzes the same seven signalized intersections as the TIMP study. The number of trips generated by the WHS facility was adjusted upward to be consistent with the number of available parking spaces. A 0.5 percent annual growth rate was used for calculating 2030 traffic volumes.

Synchro files were obtained from the City of Alexandria and VDOT and field verified for the analysis.

Study Conclusions

The proposed off site road improvements identified in the TIMP will not be adequate to handle the additional site generated traffic and several of the intersections would operate at LOS E or F. The study suggests that direct access to Mark Center from I-395 is warranted to provide an alternative path and redistribute traffic.

4.1.7 Memorandum - Mark Center Transit Center, Wells and Associates, April 17, 2009

Scope of Analysis

The study reviews the number of buses that might potentially serve the new Transportation Center on Mark Center Drive.

Methodology

The study examines existing bus routes serving Mark Center and anticipates diversion of Metro and Dash buses from their present route through the Mark Transportation Center. In addition to public transit the analysis includes existing Duke Shuttle trips and estimated WHS shuttle trips.

Study Conclusions

The analysis projects that the Mark Center Transportation Center could potentially be served by 69 buses including public transit vehicles and DoD shuttles during both the AM and PM peak hour.

4.1.8 WHS Internal Roadway Network Traffic Analysis, Wells and Associates, August 20, 2009

Scope of Analysis

This technical memorandum updates an earlier memorandum prepared for Duke Realty which analysis the internal road network serving the BRAC 133 site and the pending WHS building.

Methodology

The trip generation and distribution assumption used for the July 2008 TIMP were used for the internal analysis. Level of service (LOS) and queue analyses based on the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) intersection analysis methodology were completed on critical intersections. The analysis also includes an examination of the entry control facility with respect to traffic operations.

Study Conclusions

The study concludes that the proposed roadway network with three ID check stations at the Access Control Point will operate “generally well” during the AM and PM peak hours.

4.1.9 Mark Center (BRAC 133) Transportation Study, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), November 2, 2009

Scope of Analysis

This study was prepared for the City of Alexandria. It evaluated a series of conceptual alternatives to provide additional access to BRAC 133 site and the parking garage. The VHB study looked at direct access and egress from I-395 to BRAC 133 and the south parking structure in addition to the programmed improvements to the turn lanes on Seminary Road and N. Beauregard Street.

Methodology

- Collected new traffic count data to assess weekday AM and PM peak hour traffic
- Alternatives were assessed based on 2013 estimated traffic volumes
- Based on the MWCOG Travel Demand Model an annual growth rate of 0.51 percent was assumed for 2013 traffic volume projections
- Baseline conditions for the trip generation included BRAC 133, IDA, and the 4661 Kenmore Avenue Medical Office Building
- Modeling based on HCM module in Synchro and VISSIM(Version 5.10)

Conceptual Alternatives Evaluated Under Projected 2013 Conditions

- New Ramp to South Parking Garage with and without turn lane improvements
- New Ramp to Mark Center Drive with and without turn lane improvements
- New Ramp to South Garage and Mark Center Drive with and without turn lane improvements
- Additional left turn lanes on westbound Seminary at N. Beauregard Street (triple left) and on southbound N. Beauregard Street at Mark Centre Drive (double left) without access ramps

Study Conclusions

The turn lane improvements will have little effect on improving the PM Peak Hour LOS. Given continued growth of the corridor, the area would benefit from direct access to the Mark Center Drive from I-395.

4.1.10 Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study, Virginia Department of Transportation, December 2009

Scope of Analysis

This study prepared under the direction of VDOT is an operational analysis of the I-395/Seminary Road interchange and surrounding local street network providing access to Mark Center. The study was initiated at the request of the City of Alexandria and the U.S. Army in order to document the impact of the anticipated employment activity in the area primarily resulting from the relocation of 6,409 DoD personnel to BRAC 133 and to identify transportation solutions to mitigate such impacts.

Methodology

The study includes an operational analysis based on current conditions (2009) and as well as projected traffic volumes for 2015 and 1035. The analysis took into consideration programmed intersection improvements at Mark Center as well as the planned HOT lane project on I-395. In addition to the “No-Build” scenario, the study identified seven unique “Build” alternatives that would facilitate access from I-395 to Mark Center. A detailed traffic operations analysis of the no-build scenario and two of the build scenarios are included in the study. The operations analysis utilized both VISSIM and HCS modeling.

Conceptual Alternatives Evaluated

- No-Build Scenario which included programmed intersection improvements, HOT lane improvements, transportation system management improvements as well as TDM strategies incorporated herein
- Alternative A1 – Access to the South Parking Garage via a braided flyover along the existing I-395 southbound ramp
- Alternative D – Access to Mark Center Drive from the I-395 HOT lane via a one-lane, reversible ramp with a connection with a South Parking Garage exit lane

Study Conclusions

The study identified five areas of operational deficiencies under the 2035 No-Build peak traffic conditions. Three of the five involved unacceptable levels of service on the GP lanes on I-395; the fourth affected the signalized “rotary” at the second level of the I-395 and Seminary Road interchange; and the fifth area involved the arterial intersection in the vicinity of the BRAC 133 development. Alternative D was found to produce “better levels of service” for each of the five areas whereas Alternative A1 only improved deficiencies at the arterial intersections with either no improvement or worse levels of services on I-395 and the Seminary Road interchange³¹. VDOT is continuing to evaluate new alternatives to establish a direct ramp access from I-395 South to Mark Center.

4.1.11 Technical Memorandum, Task 4.1: Analysis of Existing and Potential Transit Demand, WMATA, January 2010

Scope of Analysis

The report was prepared under the direction of the WMATA in order to anticipate the effect of eight BRAC sites within the metropolitan Washington region on public transit. Estimates of public transit use at the eight sites were developed for the BRAC deadline year of 2011 and 2020.

³¹ *Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study, Virginia Department of Transportation, December 2009.*

Methodology

The study used MWCOG's Census Transportation Planning Package with data by Transportation Analysis Zones to estimate the distribution of residence locations by installation personnel and the share of personnel using public transit. When available employee surveys were compared to the TAZ data and adjustments made to the model as to reflect the survey data. At the time of the study no survey data was available and 2006 employee payroll data from the Fort Belvoir EIS was used to estimate the residential distribution of DoD/WHS employees relocating to Mark Center. High and low scenarios were developed based on the amount of employee parking that is planned for the center and assumption regarding the split between car / vanpooling and transit use.

Study Conclusions

The transit mode use is expected to range between 13 and 26 percent. The lower number is based on carpooling and van pooling to be more highly used and is the more likely scenario after the opening of the planned HOV off-ramp to Seminary Road.

4.1.12 Technical Memorandum, Task 4.2: Development of Transit Service Plan, WMATA, January 2010

Scope of Analysis

This report presents service planning concepts for the seven military installations that will gain employees as a result of the BRAC process in the metropolitan Washington region. The discussion of each site begins with a summary of the range of transit demand estimated in Task 4.1. The service planning takes into consideration not only existing service proposals but identifies additional service improvements that may be implemented to accommodate additional transit use as a result of the BRAC initiatives.

Methodology

The study identifies existing transit services available to the gaining sites and describes transit improvements that are being proposed to support additional transit demands. The study did not examine vehicle loads or running times. Further studies will address crowding and reliability issues.

Study Conclusions

A variety of modifications and improvements to the bus routes which would improve transit service for BRAC 133 employees are identified. However, the report concludes that shuttle bus service offered by DoD would provide the most effective connections to the rail network

4.2 Study Area

4.2.1 Streets and Intersections Examined

The traffic analysis study area along I-395 mainline extends north and south of the Seminary Road interchange, inclusive of Seminary Road entrance and exit ramps and ramp influence areas along

Seminary Road from Library Lane on the east to North Beauregard Street to the west; and along North Beauregard Street from Seminary Road to Mark Center Drive intersections. Figure 4-1 shows the extents of the traffic analysis study area.

The following signalized and unsignalized intersections that are part of the adjacent roadway network within the study area were analyzed for optimum traffic operations:

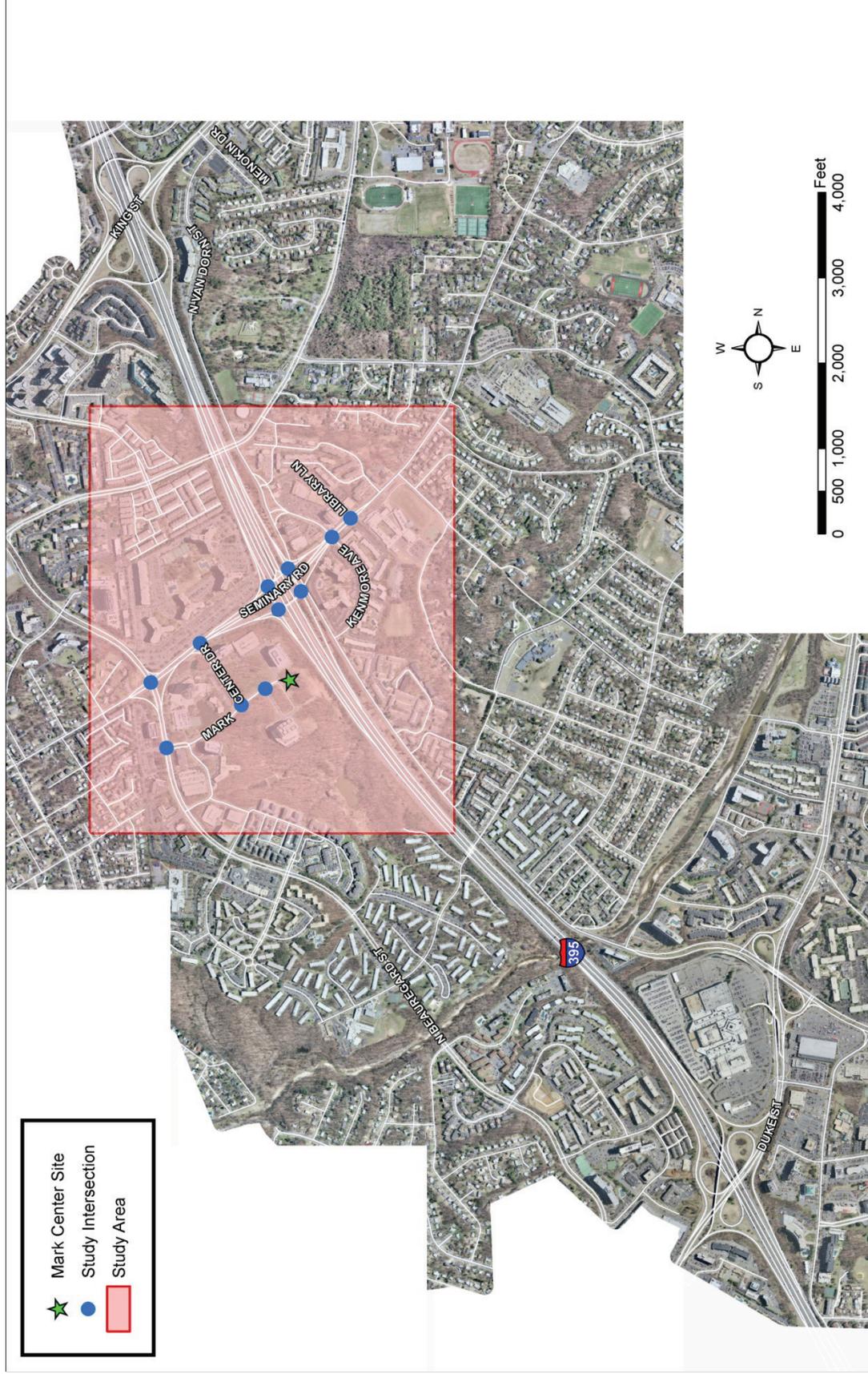
- Seminary Road / Library Lane
- Seminary Road / Kenmore Avenue
- I-395 Northbound Ramps / Seminary Road
- I-395 Southbound Ramps / Seminary Road
- Seminary Road / Mark Center Drive
- North Beauregard Street / Seminary Road
- North Beauregard Street / Mark Center Drive

In addition, the following signalized and non-signalized intersections that are part of the internal roadway network within the study area were also analyzed for optimum traffic operations:

- Mark Center Drive signalized intersection
- WHS Circle/IDA Drive - North Parking Garage roundabout

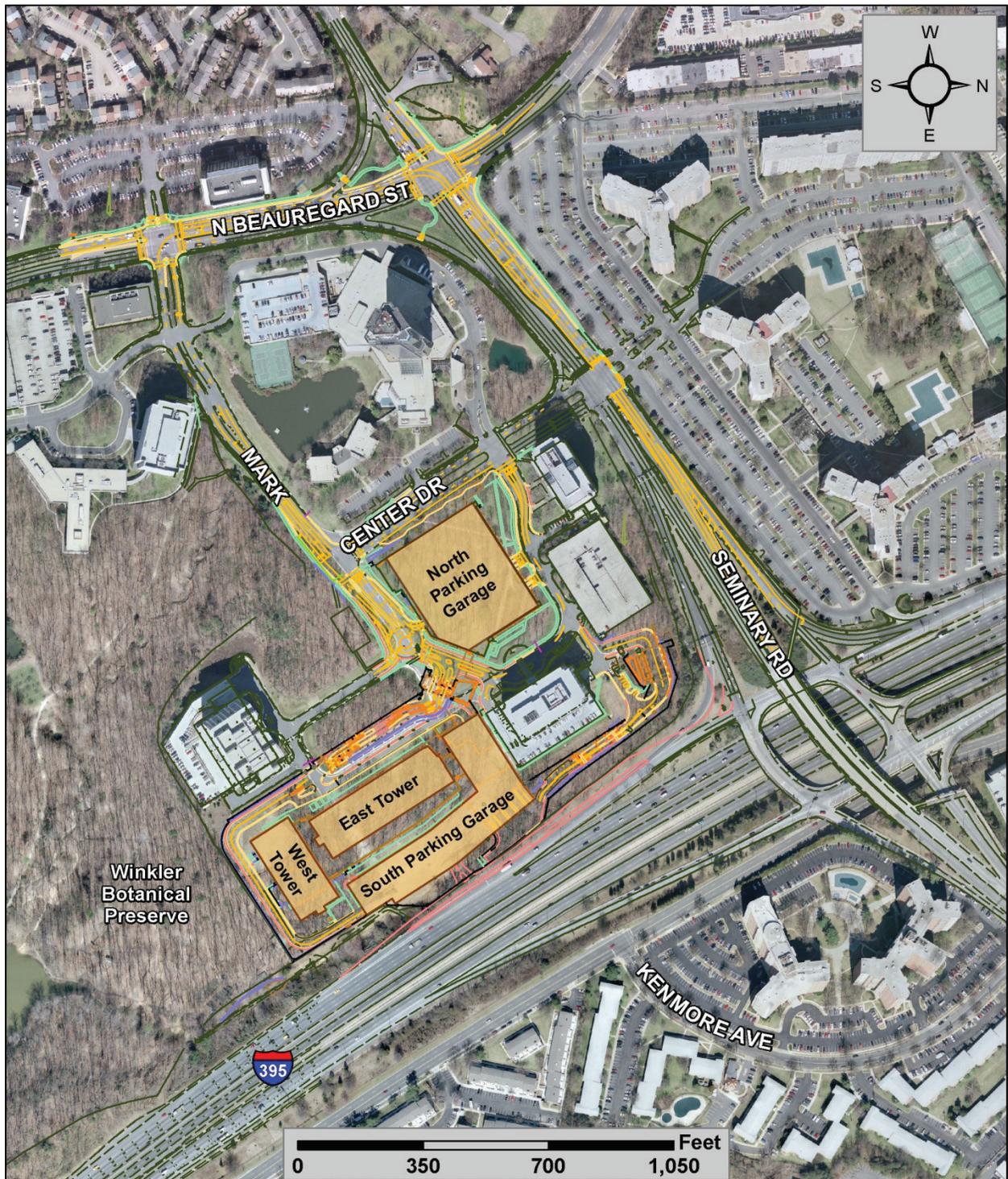
Figure 4-2 shows an overall site plan highlighting the proposed BRAC 133 development and the adjacent roadway network.

Figure 4-1: Traffic Analysis Study Area Extents



Source: ESRI

Figure 4-2: Overall Site Plan



Source: "City of Alexandria GIS DVD," "Overall Site with Improvements" AutoCAD Drawing, USACE, March 01, 2010.

4.2.2 Existing Roadway Conditions

The existing roadway geometry, lane configuration, roadway widths, storage bay lengths, intersection traffic control and signal timing parameters were inventoried and utilized to analyze the existing traffic operations. Figure 4-3 shows the existing lane geometry and traffic control for the study area along with the interim roadway improvements that are currently under construction and scheduled for completion before September 15, 2011³².

I-395 and Seminary Road Interchange:

I-395 through the study area is a seven-lane general purpose facility along with a barrier separated two exclusive High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to the left side of the general purpose lanes. The general purpose lanes are 12 feet wide, with 12 feet wide outside shoulders and 6 feet wide inside shoulders, providing three northbound and four southbound freeway lanes. A full service rotary interchange at Seminary Road allows access from the general purpose lanes. Existing ramp configurations at the Seminary Road merge and diverge locations are as follows:

- Single lane exit ramp from northbound I-395 GP lanes - 700 foot long deceleration lane
- Double lane entrance ramp to northbound I-395 GP lanes - full auxiliary lane to King Street and 650 foot long acceleration lane
- Double lane exit ramp from southbound I-395 GP lanes - full auxiliary lane from King Street and 100 foot long deceleration lane
- Single lane entrance ramp to southbound I-395 GP lanes - 200 foot long acceleration lane

The I-395 HOV lanes are reversible serving northbound directional traffic demand during the morning peak hour and southbound directional traffic demand during the evening peak hour. I-395 HOV lanes are restricted to motor vehicles with three or more occupants during the peak hour. Transit and shuttle buses serving federal employees are allowed to use the HOV lanes. A single lane HOV ramp with a 450 foot long acceleration (or deceleration) lane allows direct access to Seminary Road from the north.

The ramp intersections are served by a rotary type interchange with four signalized intersections. These intersections can be coordinated with optimum cycle lengths to facilitate continued traffic flow within the rotary and reduce traffic queue buildup within the interchange and along the ramp approaches. The intersection approach lane configurations at the existing rotary interchange are shown in the above figure. It was noted that delineation of the existing island within the rotary and restriping would improve the rotary capacity by allowing three full lanes to circulate the rotary.

The existing geometry and traffic control features of the study area signalized intersections are shown below in Table 4-1³³. Adequacy of the existing roadway capacity, lane configurations, storage bay lengths, and signal operations to serve the existing traffic demand are analyzed under existing traffic operations.

³² *WHS Transportation Improvement and Management Plan, Wells and Associates, July 30, 2008.*

³³ Aerial Image and Map Source: "City of Alexandria GIS DVD & Google Earth Imagery".

Figure 4-3: Existing and Proposed External Roadway Lane Geometry

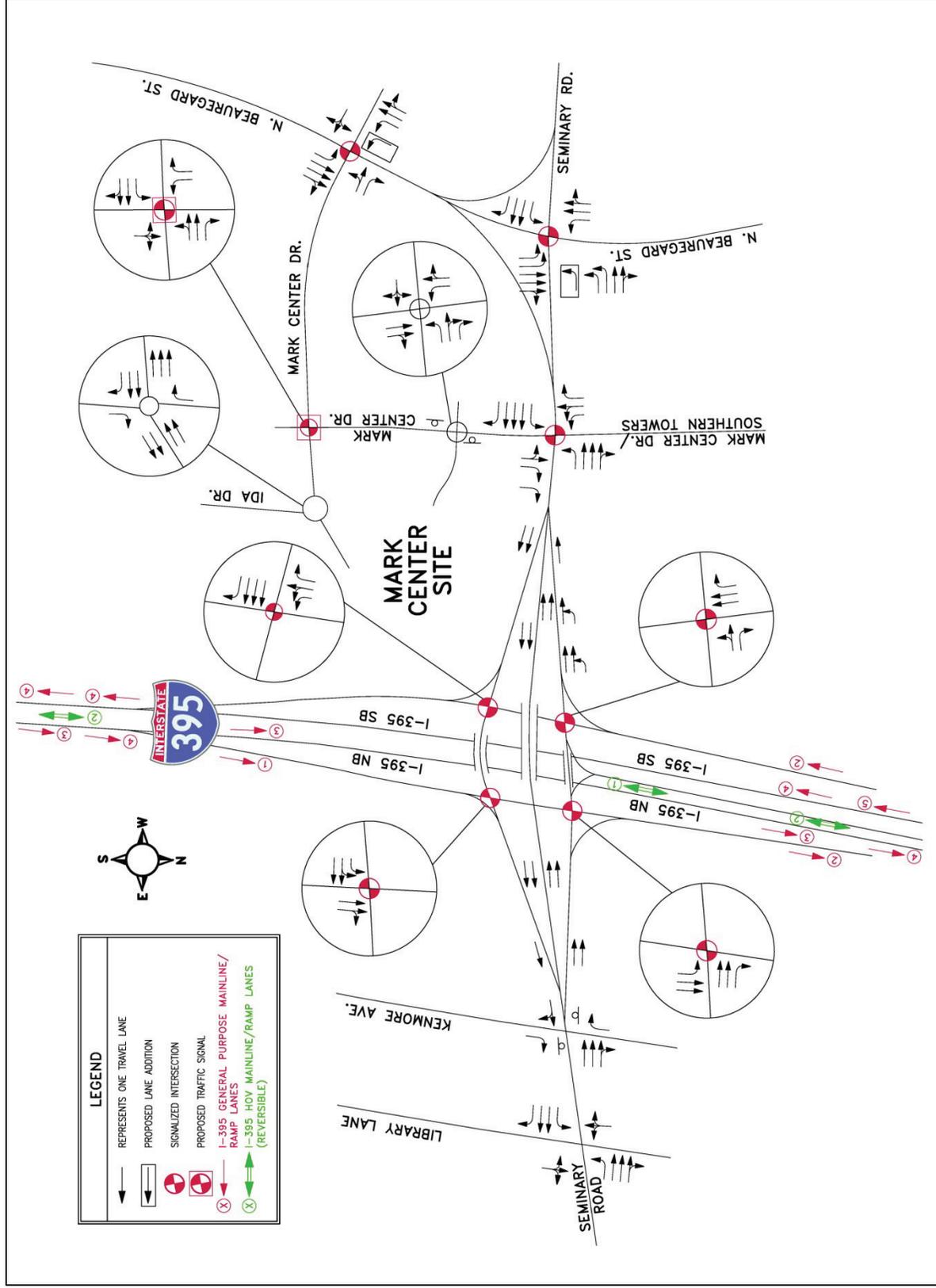


Table 4-1: Existing Roadway and Traffic Control Characteristics at Study Area Signalized Intersections

| Intersection | Existing Approach Lane Configuration | Existing Traffic Control Characteristics |
|--|--|---|
| Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive | <p>12 ft wide travel lanes, unless otherwise noted</p> <p>Eastbound Approach - one 100 ft left turn bay, three exclusive through lanes, one exclusive free right turn lane from upstream Seminary Road and N. Beaugard Street</p> <p>Westbound Approach - one 120 ft left turn bay, two Seminary Road exclusive through lanes, one I-395 exit ramp movements shared through - right turn lane</p> <p>Northbound Approach - one shared left-through lane, two exclusive right turn lanes</p> <p>Southbound Approach - one exclusive left turn lane, one shared left-through lane and one exclusive right turn lane</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actuated-Coordinated Controller type Signal design allows crossing time for vehicular and pedestrian traffic |
| Seminary Road and N. Beaugard Street | <p>12 ft wide travel lanes, unless otherwise noted</p> <p>Eastbound Approach - one 100 ft left turn bay, one exclusive through lane, one shared through- yield-controlled channelized right turn lane; Approach widens to three exclusive through lanes past the channelized right turn island</p> <p>Westbound Approach - one 200 ft left turn bay, one full left turn lane, one exclusive through lane, one shared through - yield controlled channelized right turn lane</p> <p>Northbound Approach - one 120 ft left turn bay, one full left turn lane, one exclusive through lane, one shared through-free right turn channelized lane</p> <p>Southbound Approach - one 90 ft left turn bay, one exclusive through lane, one shared through - right turn lane</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actuated-Coordinated Controller type Signal design allows crossing time for vehicular and pedestrian traffic |
| N. Beaugard Street and Mark Center Drive | <p>12 ft wide travel lanes, unless otherwise noted</p> <p>Eastbound Approach - one 18 ft wide shared left-through- right turn lane</p> <p>Westbound Approach - one shared left-through lane, one full exclusive right turn lane</p> <p>Northbound Approach - one 150 ft left turn bay, one exclusive through lane, one shared through- right turn lane</p> <p>Southbound Approach - one 80 ft left turn bay, two exclusive through lanes, one shared through - right turn lane</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actuated-Coordinated Controller type Signal design allows crossing time for vehicular and pedestrian traffic |

4.3 Traffic Volumes

4.3.1 Existing Traffic Volumes

Existing traffic data (2009) for the study area roadway network including I-395 mainline and ramps, Seminary Road, North Beaugard Street, Mark Center Drive and the roadway intersections were extracted from all prior Mark Center traffic studies and compared. After careful review, the reassigned-existing intersection turning movement counts from the *Wells & Associates 2008 Transportation Improvement and Management Plan (TIMP)*³⁴ were used in conjunction with the *City of Alexandria Mark Center (BRAC 133) Transportation Study* performed by VHB to develop future baseline traffic³⁵. Existing

³⁴ *WHS Transportation Improvement and Management Plan, Wells and Associates, July 30, 2008.*

³⁵ *Mark Center (BRAC 133) Transportation Study, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., November 2, 2009*

traffic volumes and heavy vehicle percentages along I-395 GP and HOV mainline lanes and ramps were obtained from VDOT's Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study Operational Analysis Report (IJR)³⁶. These volumes were balanced to obtain existing 2009 travel demand. Review of the MWCOC travel demand model data conducted by previous studies indicate a half percent annual traffic growth rate for the study area roadway network.³⁷ This percent was utilized to project the existing 2009 traffic data to obtain baseline 2011 traffic data for the study area. Figure 4-4 shows the baseline traffic volumes for the year 2011 without BRAC growth. Peak hour heavy vehicle data obtained from VDOT's IJR for Mark Center reported a total of five percent trucks along I-395 mainline, with four percent utilizing the GP lanes, and one percent utilizing the HOV lanes.

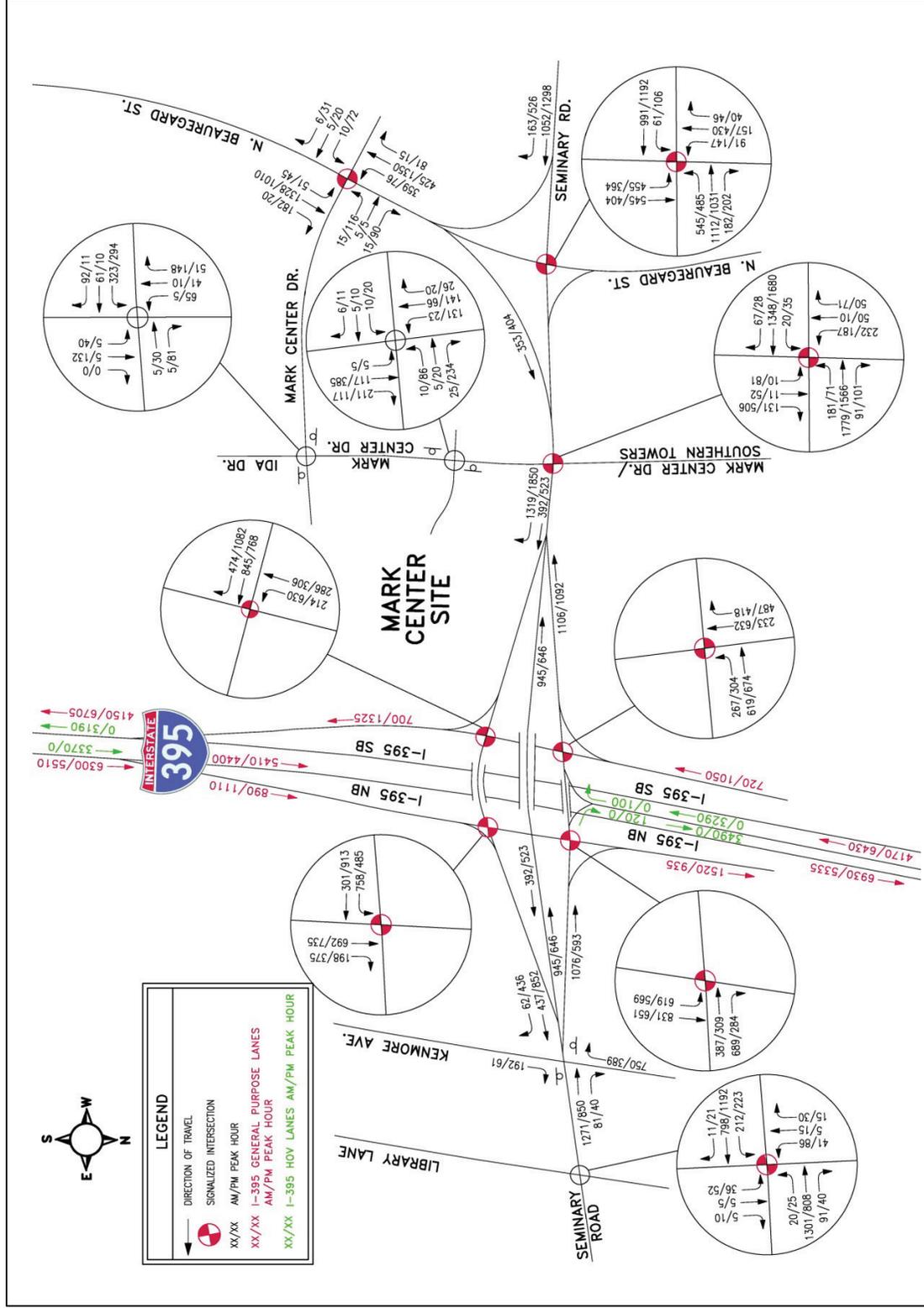
The existing roadway conditions and 2011 baseline traffic volumes without BRAC growth were utilized to perform baseline traffic operational analysis to identify existing roadway and intersection locations operating at unacceptable levels.

³⁶ Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study Operational Analysis Report, VDOT web site

<http://www.vamegaprojects.com/faqsdocuments/mark-center-documents> (last accessed May 1, 2010).

³⁷ Mark Center (BRAC 133) Transportation Study, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., November 2, 2009 & Mark Center (BRAC) Transportation Study, Technical Memorandum, Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB), April, 2009.

Figure 4-4: Re-distributed 2011 Baseline Traffic Volumes without BRAC Growth



Data Source: WHS Transportation Improvement and Management Plan, Wells and Associates, July 30, 2008; Mark Center (BRAC 133) Transportation Study, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., November 2, 2009; Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study Operational Analysis Report.

4.3.2 Projected Traffic Volumes

The projected trips identified in Section 2.3 were used in the determination of morning and evening peak hour trips and distribution of the projected peak hour trips along the existing adjacent roadway network roadway to determine projected traffic volumes for the 2011 build out condition. The morning and evening peak periods with the highest demand were identified from the fall 2009 WHS employee commute survey results along with the peak hours of travel during those periods. The travel patterns of the BRAC 133 employees indicate the morning peak period to the site extending from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM with the highest peak hour demand occurring between 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM. The evening peak period extends from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM with the highest peak hour demand occurring between 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The SOV trips including employee and visitor trips, and rideshare vehicle trips were distributed along the morning and evening peak periods of travel. Table 4-2 and Table 4-3 show the traffic distribution of the site generated trips for the morning and evening peak periods. The highest traffic demand from the morning and evening peak hours were used for trip distribution.

Table 4-2: Projections of Peak Hour BRAC 133 Employee and Visitor SOV and Rideshare Trips – AM Peak Period

| Employee Occupancy | Total Number of | | 57% SOV Trips | 60% SOV Trips | 11% Rideshare Trips | AM Peak Period | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | Employees | Visitors | | | | Employees | Visitors | Hourly Trip Distribution | Peak Hour | Employee |
| 100% Occupancy | 6409 | 320 | 3653 | 300 | 231 | 5% | 5-6 am | 183 | 10 | 12 |
| | | | | | | 26% | 6-7 am | 950 | 50 | 60 |
| | | | | | | 39% | 7-8 am | 1425 | 75 | 90 |
| | | | | | | 24% | 8-9 am | 877 | 46 | 55 |
| | | | | | | 5% | 9-10 am | 183 | 10 | 12 |
| 95% Occupancy | 6089 | 304 | 3470 | 285 | 219 | 5% | 5-6 am | 174 | 9 | 11 |
| | | | | | | 26% | 6-7 am | 902 | 47 | 57 |
| | | | | | | 39% | 7-8 am | 1353 | 71 | 86 |
| | | | | | | 24% | 8-9 am | 833 | 44 | 53 |
| | | | | | | 5% | 9-10 am | 174 | 9 | 11 |
| 90% Occupancy | 5768 | 288 | 3288 | 270 | 208 | 5% | 5-6 am | 164 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | | | 26% | 6-7 am | 855 | 45 | 54 |
| | | | | | | 39% | 7-8 am | 1282 | 67 | 81 |
| | | | | | | 24% | 8-9 am | 789 | 42 | 50 |
| | | | | | | 5% | 9-10 am | 164 | 9 | 10 |
| 85% Occupancy | 5448 | 272 | 3105 | 255 | 196 | 5% | 5-6 am | 155 | 8 | 10 |
| | | | | | | 26% | 6-7 am | 807 | 42 | 51 |
| | | | | | | 39% | 7-8 am | 1211 | 64 | 77 |
| | | | | | | 24% | 8-9 am | 745 | 39 | 47 |
| | | | | | | 5% | 9-10 am | 155 | 8 | 10 |

NOTE: (1) Refer to Section 2: Table 2-4 "Trip Projection of Mark Center Employees with Proposed Mode Split" for Rideshare mode splits
 (2) A 40% trip reduction goal was assumed for visitors. Visitors attending special events like conferences, seminars and other meeting events must conform to the parking protocol explained in Section 5.4.4
 (3) Assuming visitors will arrive throughout the day, a 5% of employees present have been assumed for visitors arriving during the morning hours in conformity with all prior Mark Center traffic studies.

Table 4-3: Projections of Peak Hour BRAC 133 Employee and Visitor SOV and Rideshare Trips – PM Peak Period

| Employee Occupancy | Total Number of | | 57% SOV Trips | 60% SOV Trips | 11% Rideshare Trips | PM Peak Period Trips | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| | Employees | Visitors | | | | Hourly Trip Distribution | Peak Hour | Employee | Visitor | Rideshare |
| 100% Occupancy | 6409 | 320 | 3653 | 300 | 231 | 4% | 2-3 pm | 146 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | | | 20% | 3-4 pm | 731 | 38 | 46 |
| | | | | | | 37% | 4-5 pm | 1352 | 71 | 85 |
| | | | | | | 28% | 5-6 pm | 1023 | 54 | 65 |
| 95% Occupancy | 6089 | 304 | 3470 | 285 | 219 | 4% | 2-3 pm | 139 | 7 | 9 |
| | | | | | | 20% | 3-4 pm | 694 | 37 | 44 |
| | | | | | | 37% | 4-5 pm | 1284 | 68 | 81 |
| | | | | | | 28% | 5-6 pm | 972 | 51 | 61 |
| 90% Occupancy | 5768 | 288 | 3288 | 270 | 208 | 4% | 2-3 pm | 132 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | 20% | 3-4 pm | 658 | 35 | 42 |
| | | | | | | 37% | 4-5 pm | 1216 | 64 | 77 |
| | | | | | | 28% | 5-6 pm | 921 | 48 | 58 |
| 85% Occupancy | 5448 | 272 | 3105 | 255 | 196 | 10% | 6-7 pm | 329 | 17 | 21 |
| | | | | | | 4% | 2-3 pm | 124 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | 20% | 3-4 pm | 621 | 33 | 39 |
| | | | | | | 37% | 4-5 pm | 1149 | 60 | 73 |
| | | | | | | 28% | 5-6 pm | 869 | 46 | 55 |
| | | | | | | 10% | 6-7 pm | 311 | 16 | 20 |

NOTE: (1) Refer to Section 2: Table 2-4 "Trip Projection of Mark Center Employees with Proposed Mode Split" for Rideshare mode splits
 (2) A 40% trip reduction goal was assumed for visitors. Visitors attending special events like conferences, seminars and other meeting events must conform to the parking protocol explained in Section 5.4.4
 (3) Assuming visitors will arrive throughout the day, a 5% of employees present have been assumed for visitors arriving during the afternoon hours in conformity with all prior Mark Center traffic studies.

The BRAC 133 site-generated employee and visitor trips were combined with the proposed IDA Building generated trips to obtain the overall generated trips to the future Mark Center location. The incoming and outgoing vehicle percentages were obtained from the *Wells & Associates 2008 TIMP*³⁸. Table 4-4 shows the total BRAC 133 and IDA generated trips and the incoming and outgoing split for the AM and PM peak hour. To account for shift workers, and employees departing the site for meetings, a small percent of trips have been assumed to exit the site during the morning peak hour and enter the site during the evening peak hour. This is in alignment with Institute of Transportation Engineers recommended directional distribution for an office park and in conformity with all the prior Mark Center traffic studies.

Table 4-4: BRAC 133 and IDA Building Site-Generated Trips

| 90% Typical Day Shift Employee Occupancy | AM Peak Hour Trips | | | PM Peak Hour Trips | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | IN | OUT | TOTAL | IN | OUT | TOTAL |
| | 95% | 5% | 100% | 10% | 90% | 100% |
| BRAC 133 Employee SOV Trips | 1218 | 64 | 1282 | 122 | 1094 | 1216 |
| BRAC 133 Visitor SOV Trips | 64 | 3 | 67 | 6 | 58 | 64 |
| BRAC 133 Rideshare Trips | 77 | 4 | 81 | 8 | 69 | 77 |
| Proposed DOD / WHS Shuttles ¹ | 30 | 30 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 |
| Truck Trips ² | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Sub-Total | 1393 | 105 | 1498 | 169 | 1256 | 1425 |
| IDA Building 5 SOV Trips ^{2,3} | 413 | 57 | 470 | 74 | 359 | 433 |
| TOTAL | 1806 | 162 | 1968 | 243 | 1615 | 1858 |

NOTE: (1) Proposed DOD WHS Shuttle Plan Alternative 1: Operates five routes (Ballston, Pentagon, King St, East Falls Church, West Falls Church) at 10-minute headways during the peak hour, as received on April 10, 2010.
 (2) BRAC 133 Transportation Improvement and Management Plan (TIMP), Wells & Associates, July 2008.
 (3) Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual recommendations for an Office Park per 1000 Sq. Feet Gross Floor Area for 368,400 Sq. Feet.

The total site-generated trips were distributed based on the origin zip codes, existing travel patterns, future transit riding potential dependent on transit corridors adjacent to origin points, and future rideshare prospects along high density zip code clusters. The total SOV and rideshare trips generated from all Virginia locations, Washington D.C., and Maryland were distributed to routes along the existing roadway system within the City of Alexandria and to the Mark Center site from the north, south, east and west via I-395, Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street corridors. (Appendix A shows employee population density maps by home zip codes.) Based on the home zip codes, it was determined that most of the trips originating from north and south directions will travel along I-395, and access the site at Seminary Road interchange. Table 4-5 shows the proposed traffic distribution along the existing roadway network and their directions of travel.

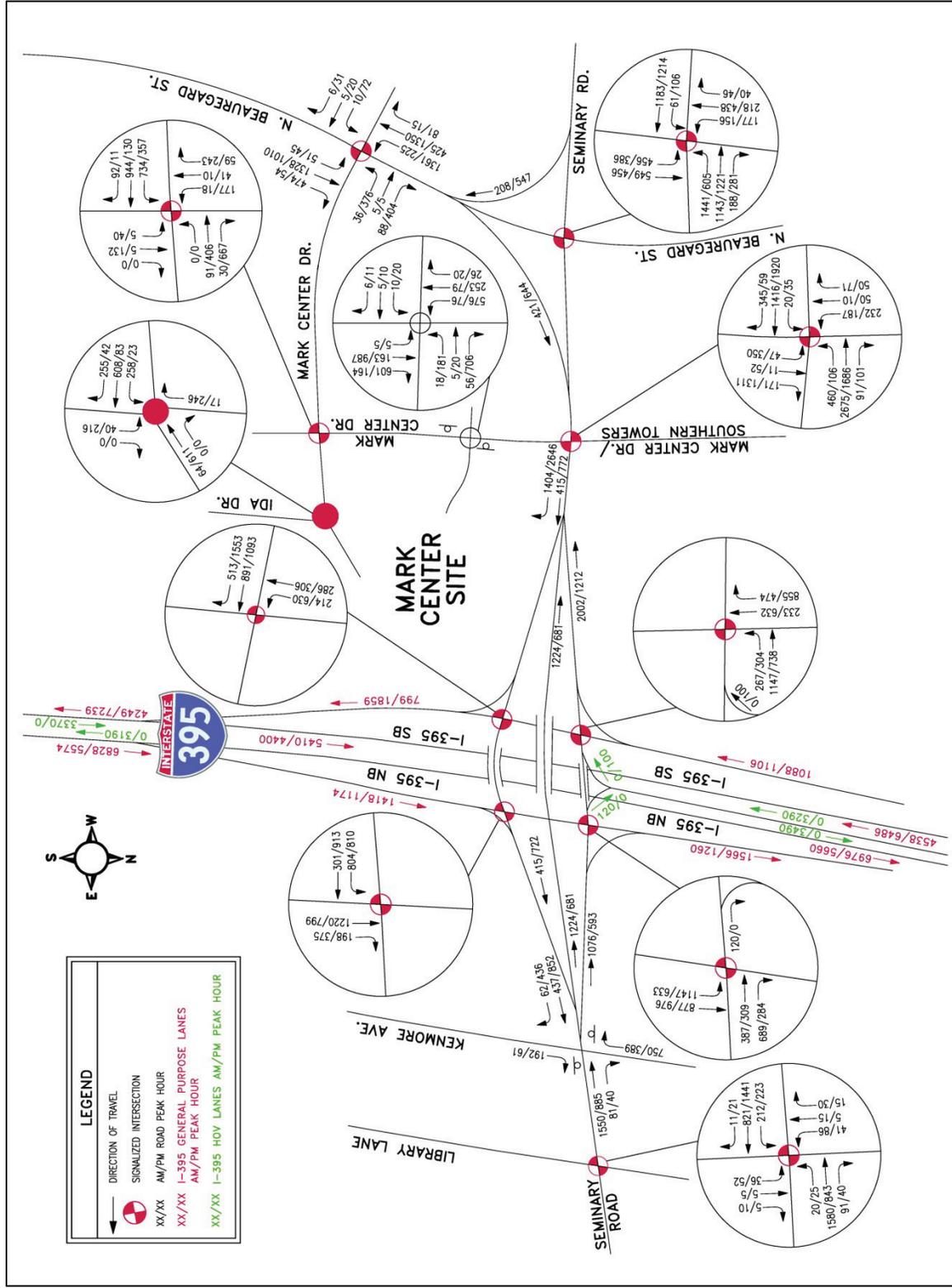
³⁸ *Mark Center Parcel 1A and 1B Traffic Impact Study and Transportation Management Plan, Wells & Associates, March 31, 2003.*

Table 4-5: Proposed BRAC 133 Trip Distributions along Existing Roadway Network

| Percent Trip Distribution along Existing Roadways | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (Direction of Approach) | | | | | | |
| Southbound I-395 | Northbound I-395 / I-95 | Southbound Beaufort | Northbound Beaufort | Westbound Seminary | Eastbound Seminary | Southern Towers |
| 19% | 29% | 8% | 16% | 15% | 12% | 1% |

The projected Mark Center trips were internally distributed based on the percentage splits obtained from the *Wells & Associates 2008 TIMP* and the *WHS 2009 Internal Roadway Network Study*. Figure 4-5 shows the distribution of the BRAC 133 and IDA generated SOV, rideshare and shuttle trips along the study area roadway network. Rideshare trips originating from the south along I-95/I-395 were assumed to use the GP lanes for projected traffic demand estimation purposes. However, there is a possibility that some or all of the northbound rideshare vehicles will use the I-95/I-395 HOV lanes, exit at the Pentagon, and turn around to travel along I-395 northbound GP lanes to Mark Center. The rideshare trips and shuttle buses originating from the north, and traveling southbound on I-395 will use the GP lanes, since the HOV lanes during the morning peak period serve only the northbound traffic. The projected trips were combined with the existing baseline trips to obtain the total future trips accessing the Mark Center site. Figure 4-6 shows the projected traffic volumes at build-out on opening day (2011), including baseline trips, and WHS and IDA generated SOV, rideshare and shuttle trips along the study area roadway network. This projected traffic demand in combination with the proposed interim roadway improvements (as listed in Section 3.2.2) were added to the existing roadway network to determine the future traffic operations (levels of service) along the adjacent roadway network to Mark Center site.

Figure 4-6: Projected (2011) Peak Hour Traffic Volumes (Baseline/BRAC 133/IDA Trips)



4.4 Traffic Operations

4.4.1 Simulation Modeling

Traffic operational analysis and micro simulation modeling for the overall study area was performed using TSIS-CORSIM software version 6.2. Existing and proposed site conditions under the baseline and projected traffic demand were performed and analyzed. Synchro, the macroscopic design software, was used to optimize signal timing and coordination for all the signalized intersections within the study area. The data obtained from the optimized Synchro traffic signal design model was then transferred to CORSIM to obtain the overall model operating under optimum conditions.

Synchro is a macroscopic signal design software based on the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) recommended guidelines for signalized intersections. Synchro is a location-based analysis tool and is not used to model interactions between vehicles within the traffic stream. Synchro models traffic arriving or present at the intersection approaches and does not account for traffic flow or spillback conditions at adjacent intersections. Thus, CORSIM, a microscopic simulation model was used to accurately determine the traffic operations of the roadway network.

CORSIM is a time-based stochastic simulation model used to effectively simulate combined arterial and freeway traffic operations. CORSIM analyzes both the freeway (FRESIM) and arterial (NETSIM) elements of the study area to provide a detailed review of the overall traffic operations and problem locations. CORSIM accounts for individual vehicle travel patterns, lane changing behavior, adjacent intersection operations and its effect on upstream or downstream intersections. Comprehensive system and link measures of effectiveness (MOE's) can be collected for each vehicle entering the network for every second of model simulation. The link MOE's provide information for any part of the roadway network within the study area. The simulation model can be viewed using TRAFVU to study the traffic flow, queues and spillback effects. Because of the stochastic nature of the model, each simulation run results provide only an estimation of the model's true characteristic. Multiple simulations performed with varying random seeds provide an accurate representation of the network performance.

The overall CORSIM model developed for the study area includes the roadway extents and intersections as outlined previously in Section 4.2.1. The traffic model includes transit bus stations, transit bus routes and shuttle bus routes that currently exist within the study area extents. The model also integrates the proposed DoD shuttle plan along with the shuttle routes and shuttle trip headways.

Micro simulation models of the study area were initially developed for the following two scenarios and analyzed under the morning and evening peak hour traffic demands:

- Baseline (2011) Traffic Demand without Improvements
- Projected (2011) Traffic Demand with Interim Improvements

4.4.2 Study and Data Assumptions

The traffic analysis includes operations of I-395 mainline and ramps at the Seminary Road interchange only and does not account for any potential adverse operations initiated by traffic queues or other operational impediments extending from the adjacent Duke Street and King Street interchanges. It is to

be noted that traffic spillback extending from any upstream or downstream weaving sections and/or bottlenecks can severely degrade the interchange operations at I-395/Seminary Road, along with the operations of the ramp terminal intersections and cross street corridor. The existing conditions along northbound I-395 general purpose lanes indicate moderate to high congestion (LOS D - LOS E) between Duke Street and King Street interchanges during the morning peak hour, and light to moderate traffic (LOS B - LOS C) during the evening peak hour. The existing conditions along southbound I-395 general purpose lanes indicate light to high congestion (LOS C - LOS E) between Duke Street and King Street interchanges during the morning peak hour, and light to severe congestion (LOS C - LOS F) during the evening peak hour³⁹. An overall analysis of the I-395 corridor including adjacent interchanges should be performed to accurately identify the operational impacts. Table 4-6 shows some of the traffic flow parameters used in developing the simulation models for the Mark Center traffic analysis.

Table 4-6: Traffic Flow Parameters used in the CORSIM Model

| Roadway | Free Flow Speed | Truck % | Lane widths |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| I-395 GP Mainline | 65 mph | 4% | 12 ft |
| I-395 HOV Mainline | 70 mph | 1% | 12 ft |
| I-395 Entrance Ramps | 35 mph | 2% | 15 ft |
| I-395 Exit Ramps | 35 mph | 2% | 15 ft |
| Seminary Road | 35 mph | 2% | 12 ft |
| N Beauregard Street | 35 mph | 2% | 12 ft |
| Mark Center Drive | 25 mph | 2% | 12 ft |

The Erlang distribution type with and Erlang distribution shape parameter value of one (1) was used for vehicle entry headways.

CORSIM does not allow actuated-coordinated type controls for multiple intersections controlled by one master controller. To obtain optimum interchange performance, the ramp terminal intersections at the Seminary Road rotary interchange were modeled as actuated-uncoordinated type controls, with the signal phasing and timing calibrated to simulate coordination conditions. Optimized signal timing and coordination plans were used in developing the 2011 baseline traffic models without BRAC improvements.

A 30 to 80 second dwell time was assumed for bus transit and shuttle bus vehicles traveling through the modeled roadway network. The lower range of dwell times were allotted to transit vehicles that did not have exclusive bus bays and stopped along the traffic lanes blocking the through traffic operations.

CORSIM assumes 100 percent possibility of a vehicle discharging and joining a spillback during queue overflow and spillback from downstream intersections. The default factors were adjusted to assume zero probability of vehicles discharging and joining a spillback. MUTCD recommended “Do Not Block Intersection” (R10-7) signs should be installed along BRAC 133 internal roadway network at intersection

³⁹ *Mark Center (BRAC 133) Access Study Operational Analysis Report, VDOT web site*
<http://www.vamegaprojects.com/faqsdocuments/mark-center-documents> (last accessed May 1, 2010).

crossings, especially at exit points from parking garages to reduce the likelihood of traffic from joining queues and obstructing other intersection approaches from discharging.

CORSIM assumes that 50 percent of the drivers within any modeled traffic network cooperating with a lane-change behavior will slow down to allow a lane change to occur in front of them. This default value was modified based on site observations to show 60 percent of drivers cooperating with a lane change maneuver. Existing conditions indicate that drivers are more cognizant of the various lane change maneuvers occurring along Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street, and in fact slow down to let other drivers change lanes in front of them.

Even though CORSIM does not explicitly model roundabout movements, it can be used to indirectly model one by accurately coding the traffic movements through the roundabout to their destination nodes, and by modifying gap acceptance parameters for driver types. The proposed roundabout at WHS Circle/IDA Drive - North Parking Garage was modeled in CORSIM. The default right turn gap acceptance parameters within the NETSIM setup were modified for the various driver types to accurately reflect gap acceptance behaviors at roundabouts. Table 4-7 shows the modifications to the gap acceptance parameters for various driver types.

Table 4-7: Modifications to Driver Gap Acceptance Parameters for NETSIM Right Turns

| Parameters | Random Driver Type From Least Aggressive Driver to Most Aggressive Driver | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| CORSIM Default Gap Acceptance | 10.0 | 8.8 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 3.6 |
| Modified Gap Acceptance for Roundabout Behavior | 8.1 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 1.7 |

4.4.3 Transit Routes and Schedules

Existing public bus transit and shuttle bus routes and their service schedules within the study area were reviewed and summarized for morning and evening peak period and peak hour trips, route origin and destination points and bus stop locations. This data was coded in the traffic simulation model to accurately reflect the vehicle flow and vehicular interactions within the roadway network. Public bus transit service through the region is offered by DASH, and WMATA. Duke Realty Corporation, IDA, and CNA operate private shuttle bus service between Mark Center and the Pentagon Metro Station during hours for their tenant organizations. The proposed DoD shuttle bus trips to serve BRAC 133 were also included as part of the 2011 projected traffic simulation model (See Section 3.3.1 for details on existing public bus transit serving Mark Center and Appendix B for all the existing public transit bus routes).

Table 4-8 summarizes the bus routes and service trips that were included in the traffic simulation model. This table is different from that in Section 3, in that it shows all the buses including public transit and shuttles utilizing roadway networks in the study area whereas Table 3-1 summarizes buses that directly serve BRAC 133 employees within a half mile walking distance.

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Table 4-8: Service Schedule and Routes of Bus Transit and Shuttle Bus Services adjacent to Mark Center

| Transit Agency | Route Number | Route Connection | Direction of Travel | Morning Peak Period 6:00 - 9:00 AM | | | Evening Peak Period 3:00 - 6:00 PM | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Total # of Bus Trips | AM Peak Hour Trips | Peak Hour Headway (min) | Peak Hour Offset (min) | Total # of Bus Trips | PM Peak Hour Trips | Peak Hour Headway (min) | Peak Hour Offset (min) |
| DASH ¹ | AT1 | Van Dorn / Eisenhower Metro - Seminary Plaza | Northbound | 7 | 2 | 25 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 25 | 14 |
| | | | Southbound | 7 | 2 | 30 | 28 | 7 | 2 | 30 | 28 |
| DASH | AT2 | Lincolnia (Landmark Mall) - King Street / Braddock Metro | Eastbound | 9 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 30 | 5 |
| | | | Westbound | 7 | 2 | 30 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 20 | 12 |
| WMATA ² | 7A, 7F | Lincolnia - North Fairlington Line / Pentagon Metro | Northbound | 0 | 0 | - | - | 6 | 2 | 29 | 23 |
| | | | Southbound | 6 | 2 | 25 | 21 | 2 | 0 | - | - |
| WMATA | 7W, 7X | Lincolnia - North Fairlington Line / Pentagon Metro | Northbound | 20 | 11 | 5.5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | | | Southbound | 0 | 0 | - | - | 14 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| WMATA | 16L | Annapdale - Skyline City - Pentagon Metro | Eastbound | 2 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | | | Westbound | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 60 | 0 |
| WMATA | 25B | Landmark - Ballston MU | Northbound | 6 | 2 | 30 | 26 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 5 |
| | | | Southbound | 6 | 1 | 30 | 25 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 5 |
| WMATA | 28A | Alexandria / King Street Metro - Tysons Corner | Eastbound | 6 | 2 | 30 | 26 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 7 |
| | | | Westbound | 6 | 2 | 30 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 20 |
| WMATA | 28F | Skyline City - Pentagon Metro | Northbound | 0 | 0 | - | - | 7 | 2 | 25 | 18 |
| | | | Southbound | 6 | 2 | 25 | 11 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| WMATA | 28G | Skyline City - Pentagon Metro | Northbound | 8 | 2 | 25 | 14 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| | | | Southbound | 0 | 0 | - | - | 8 | 3 | 20 | 5 |
| IDA/CNAC ³ | Shuttle | Pentagon Metro - Mark Center | - | 12 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| Duke ⁴ | Shuttle | Pentagon Metro - Mark Center | - | 21 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Proposed DoD Shuttle Plan ⁵ | Shuttle | King Street Metro - Mark Center | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | - | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 |

Notes:

¹WMATA bus schedule data obtained from <http://www.wmata.com> Metrobus Virginia Timetables

²DASH bus schedule data obtained from <http://www.dashbus.com> DASH system maps routes and schedules

³IDA/CNAC shuttle schedules obtained from WHS

⁴Duke shuttle schedules obtained from Mark Center Express flyer

⁵Proposed DoD shuttle plan Alternative 1 - obtained from WHS April 10, 2010

4.4.4 Traffic Operational Measures of Effectiveness

Traffic operations of the transportation elements are usually defined in terms of level of service (LOS) with the designations ranging from LOS A to LOS F. LOS A indicates free flow and LOS F indicates forced flow or breakdown conditions. The LOS of the various transportation elements are defined in terms of varying measures of effectiveness pertinent to the functional classification of the facility.

Traffic flow conditions and LOS of freeway mainline and ramps are usually measured in terms of density expressed in vehicles per mile per lane (vpml). Density is defined as the total number of vehicles occupying a given length of a lane at a given time. Speed of the traffic stream will also be considered since it helps assess the service quality of the facility. Threshold values of density help determine LOS of the freeway and ramp facilities.

The LOS for signalized intersections is usually measured in terms of control delay values. The average control delay per vehicle in every lane group of the intersection approach is aggregated to obtain the overall control delay of the intersection. Control delay is expressed in seconds per vehicle (s/veh). The aggregation of control delay for every individual lane group at intersection approaches helps identify individual movements operating inefficiently, and consequently, hindering overall intersection operations. Threshold values of control delay per vehicle help determine LOS of the signalized intersections and its approaches.

The operation of multilane arterials is usually measured in terms of density, speed, and volume to capacity ratios. The LOS is usually defined in terms of density measured in vpml. Driver freedom to maneuver and change lanes is restricted at higher densities resulting in lower operating speeds. Forced flow or flow breakdown occurs when the vehicular demand or arrival rate exceeds that of the discharge rate. Volume to capacity (v/c) ratios greater than 1.0 indicates vehicular demand exceeding available capacity. The LOS for urban arterials is also influenced by the total number of signalized intersections per mile, signal timing and signal coordination. Poor coordination can result in spillback affecting operations of downstream intersections. Threshold values of density and speed help determine LOS of the freeway and ramp facilities.

The traffic operations of un-signalized intersections or roundabouts can be analyzed for individual approaches only and not for the whole intersection. LOS is measured in terms of control delay expressed in seconds per vehicle (s/veh). Threshold values of control delay values help determine LOS for the individual movements at unsignalized intersections or roundabouts. The capacity of a roundabout is however, dependent mainly on the gap acceptance behavior of the drivers with respect to critical gap and follow-up time parameters.

Table 4-9 shows the range of the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) recommended threshold values for various roadway elements and their measures of effectiveness that can be used to determine LOS for the study area roadway network. The cumulative measures of effectiveness obtained from CORSIM output reports were compared against the threshold values to determine LOS and operational conditions.

Table 4-9: HCM Recommended Threshold Values of Measures of Effectiveness for LOS Determination

| LOS | Freeway Density Range (vpmpl) | Ramp Segment Density Range (vpmpl) | Intersection Control Delay per vehicle (s/veh) | Class III Urban Street (typical speed of 35 mph) | Roundabout Average Control Delay ¹ (s/veh) |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| A | 0-11 | ≤ 10 | ≤ 10 | > 30 | 0-10 |
| B | > 11-18 | > 10-20 | > 10-20 | > 24-30 | > 10-15 |
| C | > 18-26 | > 20-28 | > 20-35 | > 18-24 | > 15-25 |
| D | > 26-35 | > 28-35 | > 35-55 | > 14-18 | > 25-35 |
| E | > 35-45 | > 35 | > 55-80 | > 10-14 | > 35-50 |
| F | > 45 | Note 2 | > 80 | ≤ 10 | > 50 |

Note:

1. Data Source - 2010 Highway Capacity Manual
2. Demand exceeds capacity

4.4.5 Baseline Traffic Operations without Improvements

Traffic operational analysis of existing roadway network with 2011 baseline traffic volumes without any proposed BRAC 133 generated traffic was performed using CORSIM and Synchro analysis tools. The existing roadway geometry and lane configuration previously shown in Figure 4.3 and the baseline (2011) traffic volumes previously shown in Figure 4-4 were used as primary inputs to perform the existing condition traffic operational analysis for the morning and evening peak hour demands. Optimized signal timing and coordination plans were used in developing the 2011 baseline traffic models without BRAC improvements. Multiple simulation runs were made by changing the random seed values for vehicle entry headways, driver responses to traffic choices including gap acceptance, lane change and queue blockages, and driver and vehicle behavior assignment of to surface street vehicles. The data from the multiple runs was evaluated for the baseline condition morning and evening peak hour analysis. Flow rate, speed and density data for freeway mainline and ramp links, and flow rate, control delay, and maximum queue lengths by intersection approach movements for surface links were obtained from the simulation output reports to determine roadway traffic operations.

Table 4-10 and Table 4-11 show the 2011 baseline traffic operational analysis results for I-395 mainline and ramp sections including speed, density, and LOS. Table 4-12 and Table 4-13 show the 2011 baseline traffic operational analysis results of the arterial network including control delay, LOS and traffic queues by lane group movement, intersection approach and overall intersection, for all the signalized intersections within the study area. In Tables 4-10 through 4-14, intersections with the highest levels of congestion (LOS E and LOS F) have been highlighted for ease of reference.

Results of the 2011 baseline operational analysis without BRAC improvements indicate most of the freeway network and overall signalized intersections operating at acceptable LOS, except for the Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street intersection that operates at a LOS E during the morning and evening peak hours, and the southeast rotary intersection that operates at a LOS E during the morning peak hour. However, as can be seen from Table 4-12 and Table 4-13, many of the lane group movements and intersection approaches operate at unacceptable LOS for the 2011 baseline condition.

These degrading operations at the individual approaches will eventually lead to the failure of the overall intersection.

In addition to the above analysis, all the LOS results obtained from the prior traffic operational analysis and transportation studies conducted for the study area roadway network were summarized for comparison. Table 4-14 shows the comparative summary of LOS results from prior studies. In Tables 4-10 through 4-14, intersections with the highest levels of congestion (LOS E and LOS F) have been highlighted for ease of reference.

Table 4-10: Freeway Measures of Effectiveness for the Morning (AM) Peak Hour 2011 Baseline Traffic Operational Analysis without Improvements

| | LOCATION | | NODE | | LENGTH (ft) | VOLUMES | | LINK STATISTICS | | | AGGREGATE STATISTICS | | | REMARKS | |
|---------------------------|----------|--|------|------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | From | To | From | To | | Actual | Simulated | Difference | Speed (mph) | Density (vpmp) | LOS | Speed (mph) | Density (vpmp) | | LOS |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1000 | 1001 | 692 | 6300 | 6296 | -4 | 62 | 35 | D | 61 | 32 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1001 | 1002 | 803 | 6900 | 6299 | -1 | 61 | 34 | D | 61 | 32 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1002 | 1005 | 1073 | 6900 | 6310 | -10 | 59 | 28 | D | 61 | 30 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1005 | 1006 | 790 | 5410 | 5415 | 5 | 61 | 29 | D | 61 | 30 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1006 | 1008 | 1235 | 5410 | 5420 | 10 | 61 | 30 | D | 61 | 30 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1008 | 1010 | 860 | 5420 | 5422 | 12 | 61 | 30 | D | 61 | 30 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1010 | 1011 | 1093 | 6930 | 6720 | -210 | 57 | 26 | C | 57 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1011 | 1015 | 706 | 6930 | 6729 | -201 | 57 | 29 | D | 57 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | King Street Exit Ramp | 1015 | 1017 | 635 | 5890 | 5691 | -199 | 60 | 32 | D | 60 | 31 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1017 | 1019 | 485 | 5890 | 5691 | -199 | 61 | 31 | D | 61 | 31 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1052 | 1053 | 643 | 3370 | 3353 | -17 | 67 | 26 | C | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1053 | 1054 | 534 | 3370 | 3355 | -15 | 68 | 25 | C | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1054 | 1056 | 501 | 3370 | 3357 | -13 | 67 | 25 | C | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1056 | 1057 | 417 | 3370 | 3358 | -12 | 66 | 25 | C | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1057 | 1058 | 513 | 3370 | 3361 | -9 | 66 | 26 | C | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1058 | 1060 | 616 | 3370 | 3365 | -5 | 65 | 26 | C | 65 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1060 | 1062 | 560 | 3370 | 3370 | 0 | 65 | 26 | C | 65 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1062 | 1063 | 525 | 3370 | 3373 | 3 | 65 | 26 | C | 65 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1063 | 1064 | 571 | 3370 | 3370 | 0 | 65 | 26 | C | 65 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | | 1064 | 1066 | 675 | 3370 | 3370 | 0 | 65 | 26 | C | 65 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND RAMP | NB HOV | Seminary Road HOV Entrance Ramp | 1066 | 1067 | 1074 | 3490 | 3479 | -11 | 64 | 20 | C | 65 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | End I-395 HOV Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1067 | 1068 | 1010 | 3490 | 3481 | -9 | 65 | 27 | D | 65 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 2001 | 2002 | 812 | 3820 | 3822 | 2 | 64 | 15 | B | 64 | 15 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | King Street Entrance Ramp | 2002 | 2004 | 1209 | 4170 | 4180 | 10 | 60 | 14 | B | 60 | 14 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2004 | 2005 | 502 | 3450 | 3511 | 61 | 63 | 14 | B | 63 | 14 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2005 | 2007 | 920 | 3450 | 3515 | 65 | 63 | 14 | B | 63 | 14 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2007 | 2009 | 1142 | 3450 | 3512 | 62 | 63 | 14 | B | 63 | 14 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2009 | 2012 | 1179 | 3450 | 3524 | 74 | 63 | 14 | B | 63 | 14 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2012 | 2014 | 570 | 4210 | 4169 | -41 | 56 | 17 | B | 59 | 17 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | End I-395 South of Seminary Road Interchange | 2014 | 2015 | 728 | 4210 | 4169 | -41 | 61 | 17 | B | 61 | 17 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND RAMP | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1005 | 1201 | 299 | 890 | 953 | 63 | 34 | 28 | D | 34 | 28 | D | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 1201 | 7002 | 203 | 890 | 951 | 61 | 34 | 28 | D | 34 | 28 | D | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 7002 | 1203 | 232 | 890 | 884 | -6 | 43 | - | A | 47 | 2 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1206 | 1208 | 232 | 1299 | 1299 | -221 | 27 | - | B | 34 | 20 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 1208 | 7003 | 201 | 1520 | 1300 | -220 | 33 | - | A | 35 | 10 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 7003 | 1210 | 221 | 1520 | 1312 | -208 | 34 | 21 | C | 35 | 10 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 1210 | 1010 | 234 | 1520 | 1315 | -205 | 34 | 19 | B | 35 | 10 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1212 | 1213 | 358 | 120 | 91 | -29 | 27 | - | B | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 1213 | 7005 | 331 | 120 | 91 | -29 | 37 | - | A | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 7005 | 1070 | 339 | 120 | 110 | -10 | 45 | 3 | A | 47 | 2 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND RAMP | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1070 | 1066 | 306 | 120 | 110 | -10 | 49 | 2 | A | 47 | 2 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 2004 | 2201 | 313 | 720 | 675 | -45 | 35 | 10 | A | 35 | 10 | A | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 2201 | 7004 | 485 | 720 | 676 | -44 | 35 | 10 | A | 35 | 10 | A | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 7004 | 2204 | 491 | 720 | 613 | -107 | 39 | - | A | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 2204 | 2205 | 376 | 720 | 616 | -104 | 26 | - | B | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 2213 | 2215 | 197 | 760 | 658 | -102 | 32 | - | A | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 2215 | 7001 | 371 | 760 | 659 | -101 | 33 | - | A | 35 | 10 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7001 | 2216 | 279 | 760 | 701 | -59 | 32 | 12 | B | 35 | 10 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 2216 | 2012 | 427 | 760 | 699 | -61 | 32 | 19 | B | 35 | 10 | A | Merge Ramp Section |

Table 4-11: Freeway Measures of Effectiveness for the Evening (PM) Peak Hour 2011 Baseline Traffic Operational Analysis without Improvements

| LOCATION | | NODE | | LENGTH (ft) | | VOLUMES | | LINK STATISTICS | | | AGGREGATE STATISTICS | | REMARKS | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | From | To | From | To | Actual | Simulated | Difference | Speed (mph) | Density (v/comp) | LOS | Speed (mph) | | Density (v/comp) | LOS |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1000 | 1001 | 692 | 5510 | 5499 | -11 | 62 | 30 | D | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1001 | 1002 | 803 | 5510 | 5496 | -14 | 61 | 30 | D | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1002 | 1005 | 1073 | 5510 | 5486 | -24 | 58 | 24 | C | 62 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1005 | 1006 | 790 | 4400 | 4309 | -91 | 62 | 23 | C | 62 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1006 | 1008 | 1235 | 4400 | 4293 | -107 | 62 | 23 | C | 62 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1008 | 1010 | 860 | 4400 | 4295 | -105 | 62 | 23 | C | 62 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | King Street Exit Ramp | 1010 | 1011 | 1093 | 5335 | 5241 | -94 | 58 | 20 | C | 58 | 21 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1011 | 1015 | 706 | 5335 | 5240 | -95 | 57 | 23 | C | 58 | 21 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1015 | 1017 | 635 | 4055 | 3940 | -115 | 62 | 21 | C | 62 | 21 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1017 | 1019 | 485 | 4055 | 3942 | -113 | 62 | 21 | C | 62 | 21 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| SB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 2001 | 2002 | 812 | 5940 | 5942 | 2 | 65 | 24 | C | 61 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| | | 2002 | 2004 | 1209 | 6430 | 6433 | 3 | 60 | 21 | C | 61 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND MAINLINE | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2004 | 2005 | 502 | 5380 | 5517 | 137 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 2005 | 2007 | 920 | 5380 | 5527 | 147 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2007 | 2009 | 1142 | 5380 | 5523 | 143 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 2009 | 2012 | 1179 | 5380 | 5515 | 135 | 61 | 23 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | End I-395 South of Seminary Road Interchange | 2012 | 2014 | 570 | 6768 | 6728 | -40 | 48 | 32 | D | 54 | 30 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 2014 | 2015 | 728 | 6768 | 6718 | -50 | 58 | 29 | D | 54 | 30 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1068 | 1067 | 1010 | 3290 | 3293 | 3 | 67 | 25 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1067 | 1066 | 1066 | 3290 | 3299 | 9 | 66 | 25 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB HOV | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1066 | 1064 | 685 | 3190 | 3171 | -19 | 65 | 24 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | | | 1064 | 1063 | 584 | 3190 | 3171 | -19 | 66 | 24 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| SB HOV | End I-395 HOV Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1063 | 1062 | 582 | 3190 | 3167 | -23 | 66 | 24 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| | | 1062 | 1060 | 505 | 3190 | 3167 | -23 | 66 | 24 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1060 | 1058 | 616 | 3190 | 3170 | -20 | 66 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| | | 1058 | 1057 | 513 | 3190 | 3170 | -20 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| SB HOV | End I-395 HOV Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1057 | 1056 | 417 | 3190 | 3172 | -18 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| | | 1056 | 1054 | 477 | 3190 | 3175 | -15 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1054 | 1053 | 456 | 3190 | 3181 | -9 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| | | 1053 | 1052 | 654 | 3190 | 3182 | -8 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 27 | D | SB Freeway Mainline | |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND RAMP | NB GP | End I-395 HOV Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1005 | 1201 | 299 | 1110 | 1171 | 61 | 33 | 35 | E | 33 | 35 | E | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | | | 1201 | 7002 | 203 | 1110 | 1170 | 60 | 33 | 35 | E | 33 | 35 | E | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7002 | 1203 | 232 | 1110 | 1170 | 60 | 43 | - | A | 34 | 14 | B | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | | | 1206 | 1208 | 232 | 935 | 941 | 6 | 29 | - | B | 34 | 14 | B | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1208 | 7003 | 201 | 935 | 941 | 6 | 32 | - | A | 34 | 14 | B | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | | | 7003 | 1210 | 221 | 935 | 941 | 6 | 34 | 15 | B | 34 | 14 | B | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1210 | 1010 | 234 | 935 | 942 | 7 | 34 | 14 | B | 34 | 14 | B | Merge Ramp Section |
| | | | 2004 | 2201 | 313 | 1050 | 921 | -129 | 35 | 13 | B | 35 | 13 | B | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2201 | 7004 | 485 | 1050 | 923 | -127 | 35 | 13 | B | 35 | 13 | B | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | | | 7004 | 2204 | 491 | 1050 | 920 | -130 | 38 | - | A | 38 | - | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2204 | 2205 | 376 | 1050 | 920 | -130 | 28 | - | B | 38 | - | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial | |
| | | 2213 | 2215 | 197 | 1388 | 1226 | -162 | 30 | - | B | 38 | - | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2215 | 7001 | 371 | 1388 | 1220 | -168 | 32 | - | A | 32 | - | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial | |
| | | 7001 | 2216 | 279 | 1388 | 1217 | -171 | 32 | 21 | C | 32 | 21 | C | Merge Ramp Section | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2216 | 2012 | 427 | 1388 | 1211 | -177 | 31 | 35 | D | 31 | 35 | D | Merge Ramp Section | |
| | | 1066 | 1070 | 317 | 100 | 125 | 25 | 49 | 3 | A | 49 | 3 | A | Diverge Ramp Section | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1070 | 7005 | 352 | 100 | 125 | 25 | 50 | 3 | A | 49 | 3 | A | Diverge Ramp Section | |
| | | 7005 | 1213 | 340 | 100 | 125 | 25 | 56 | - | A | 49 | 3 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial | |
| SB HOV | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1213 | 1212 | 329 | 100 | 126 | 26 | 34 | - | A | 49 | 3 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial | |
| | | 1212 | 1211 | 130 | 100 | 126 | 26 | 16 | - | C | 49 | 3 | A | Class IV Type Urban Arterial | |

Table 4-13: Arterial Measures of Effectiveness for the Evening (PM) Peak Hour 2011 Baseline Traffic Operational Analysis without Improvements

| Location | Approach | Link | Demand Volumes | | | | | | Modelled Volumes | | | | | | Demand Volumes | | | Model Demand | | | Control Delay By Movement | | | LOS By Movement | | | LOS By Approach | | LOS By Intersection | | Through | | | Left Turn | | Right Turn | |
|--|------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|------------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|----------------|------|-------|--------------|-------|------|---------------------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | | | Left | Thru | Right | Total | Left | Thru | Right | Total | Left | Thru | Right | Total | Left | Thru | Right | % | Total | Left | Thru | Right | Left | Thru | Right | Delay | LOS | Delay | LOS | Delay | LOS | Link Length (ft) | Queue Length (ft) | Storage (ft) | Queue (ft) | Storage (ft) | Queue (ft) |
| MARK CENTER (BRAC 133) TRAFFIC ANALYSIS STUDY AREA | LIBRARY LANE | WB | 5002-5003 | 25 | 808 | 40 | 873 | 23 | 819 | 37 | 879 | -2 | 11 | -3 | 6 | 1% | 6 | 21 | 9 | 5 | 5 | C | A | A | 9 | A | | | 310 | 160 | 50 | 40 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 6017-5003 | 52 | 5 | 10 | 67 | 53 | 5 | 64 | 1 | 0 | -4 | -3 | -4% | -3 | 34 | 27 | 31 | 31 | 31 | C | C | C | 33 | C | 10 | A | 264 | 80 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | | | 5005-5003 | 223 | 1192 | 21 | 1436 | 245 | 1217 | 13 | 1475 | 22 | 25 | -8 | 39 | 3% | 11 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | B | A | A | 7 | A | | | 311 | 160 | 150 | 120 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 6018-5003 | 86 | 15 | 30 | 131 | 91 | 16 | 23 | 130 | 5 | -7 | -1 | -1% | -1 | 38 | 44 | 23 | 44 | 23 | D | D | C | 36 | D | | | 216 | 200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 1203-5015 | 0 | 735 | 375 | 1110 | 0 | 721 | 399 | 1120 | 0 | -14 | 24 | 10 | 1% | 0 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 19 | A | B | B | 18 | B | 21 | C | 618 | 300 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 5013-5015 | 485 | 913 | 0 | 1398 | 464 | 825 | 0 | 1289 | -21 | -88 | 0 | -109 | -8% | 21 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 0 | C | C | A | 22 | C | | | 331 | 260 | 331 | 200 | - | - | - | - | |
| | 1-395 / SEMINARY ROAD ROTARY | NB | WB | 5015-5010 | 569 | 651 | 0 | 1220 | 515 | 667 | 0 | 1182 | -54 | 16 | 0 | -3% | 9 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | A | A | A | 8 | A | 10 | A | 276 | 120 | 276 | 200 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | | 5009-5010 | 0 | 309 | 0 | 309 | 0 | 319 | 0 | 319 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 3% | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | A | B | A | 15 | B | | | 160 | 120 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | 5010-5012 | 304 | 674 | 0 | 978 | 282 | 639 | 0 | 921 | -22 | -35 | 0 | -57 | -6% | 10 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | A | A | A | 10 | A | 12 | B | 300 | 100 | 300 | 100 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 2205-5012 | 0 | 632 | 0 | 632 | 0 | 523 | 0 | 523 | 0 | -109 | 0 | -109 | -17% | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 | A | B | A | 16 | B | | | 281 | 180 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | 5012-5013 | 630 | 306 | 0 | 936 | 557 | 247 | 0 | 804 | -73 | -59 | 0 | -132 | -14% | 8 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | A | A | A | 8 | A | 10 | A | 259 | 140 | 259 | 120 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | 5019-5013 | 0 | 768 | 0 | 768 | 0 | 722 | 0 | 722 | 0 | -46 | 0 | -46 | -6% | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | A | B | A | 11 | B | | | 357 | 140 | - | - | - | - | | |
| MARK CENTER DRIVE | WB1 | WB2 | 5021-5022 | 71 | 536 | 39 | 646 | 63 | 573 | 35 | 671 | -8 | 37 | -4 | 25 | 4% | 63 | 11 | 15 | 15 | E | B | B | 16 | B | | | 243 | 160 | 243 | 120 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | 5018-5022 | 0 | 1030 | 62 | 1092 | 0 | 970 | 45 | 1015 | 0 | -60 | -17 | -77 | -7% | 0 | 24 | 20 | 20 | A | C | B | 24 | C | | | 637 | 580 | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| | | | 5060-5022 | 81 | 52 | 506 | 639 | 65 | 38 | 398 | 501 | -16 | -14 | -108 | -138 | -22% | 70 | 70 | 18 | 70 | 18 | E | E | B | 28 | C | 21 | C | 340 | 160 | 340 | 160 | 340 | 140 | 140 | 140 | |
| | | | 5023-5022 | 35 | 1680 | 28 | 1743 | 52 | 1668 | 23 | 1743 | 17 | -12 | -5 | 0 | 0% | 66 | 11 | 0 | 66 | 11 | E | B | A | 13 | B | | | 395 | 220 | 150 | 80 | 395 | 120 | 120 | 120 | |
| | | | 5045-5022 | 187 | 10 | 71 | 268 | 192 | 9 | 68 | 269 | 5 | -1 | -3 | 1 | 0% | 66 | 73 | 17 | 73 | 17 | E | E | B | 54 | D | | | 252 | 200 | 252 | 100 | 252 | 80 | 80 | 80 | |
| | | | 5023-5025 | 605 | 1221 | 0 | 1826 | 483 | 979 | 0 | 1462 | -122 | -242 | 0 | -364 | -20% | 82 | 18 | 0 | 82 | 18 | F | B | A | 39 | D | | | 341 | 280 | 341 | 200 | - | - | - | - | |
| N. BEAUREGARD STREET | NB | EB | 6004-5025 | 386 | 456 | 0 | 842 | 367 | 446 | 0 | 813 | -19 | -10 | 0 | -29 | -3% | 199 | 57 | 0 | 199 | 57 | F | E | A | 121 | F | 61 | E | 347 | 380 | 175 | 160 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 5026-5025 | 106 | 1214 | 0 | 1320 | 99 | 1212 | 0 | 1311 | -7 | -2 | 0 | -9 | -1% | 136 | 31 | 0 | 136 | 31 | F | C | A | 38 | D | | | 323 | 300 | 100 | 100 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 6002-5025 | 156 | 438 | 46 | 640 | 153 | 429 | 48 | 630 | -3 | -9 | 2 | -10 | -2% | 167 | 49 | 48 | 48 | F | D | D | 78 | E | | | 250 | 240 | 135 | 160 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | 5032-6005 | 116 | 5 | 90 | 211 | 96 | 3 | 92 | 191 | -20 | -2 | 2 | -20 | -9% | 62 | 89 | 5 | 89 | 5 | F | F | A | 35 | C | | | 286 | 260 | - | - | 286 | 60 | 60 | 60 | |
| | | | 6007-6005 | 45 | 1010 | 20 | 1075 | 45 | 1018 | 12 | 1075 | 0 | 8 | -8 | 0 | 0% | 70 | 9 | 3 | 70 | 9 | E | A | A | 12 | B | 23 | C | 329 | 280 | 150 | 80 | - | - | - | - | |
| | | | 5030-6005 | 72 | 20 | 31 | 123 | 78 | 18 | 19 | 115 | 6 | -2 | -12 | -8 | -7% | 62 | 66 | 47 | 66 | 47 | E | E | D | 60 | E | | | 203 | 200 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 6004-6005 | 76 | 1350 | 15 | 1441 | 90 | 1174 | 16 | 1280 | 14 | -176 | 1 | -161 | -11% | 59 | 23 | 36 | 59 | 23 | F | C | D | 25 | C | | | 435 | 460 | 350 | 80 | - | - | - | - | | | | |

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Table 4-14: Comparison of LOS Analysis to Previous Studies (Existing Conditions without BRAC 133)

| Intersection | Wells & Associates Original TIS/TMP for NCP, 2003 (Analysis Year 2002-2003) | | Wells & Associates TIMP 2008 (Analysis Year 2008) | | VHB Mark Center (BRAC 133) Study, City of Alexandria, 2009 (Analysis Year 2008) | | PB Mark Center (BRAC 133) Study, VDOT (Analysis Year 2008) | | Mark Center (BRAC 133) IJR VDOT, 2010 (Analysis Year 2008) | | Mark Center (BRAC 133) TMP USACE, 2010 (Analysis Year 2011) | |
|--|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| | By Approach | By Intersection | By Approach | By Intersection | By Approach | By Intersection | By Approach | By Intersection | By Approach | By Intersection | By Approach | By Intersection |
| Seminary Rd. / Library Ln. | Eastbound | | | | A | A | | | A | A | A | A |
| | Westbound | | | | A | B | | | B | B | C | C |
| | Northbound | | | | E | D | | | D | D | C | A |
| I-395 NB Off-Ramp / Seminary Rd. (Southeast Rotary Intersection) | Eastbound | C | C | B | C | A | A | A | A | B | E | C |
| | Westbound | - | - | - | - | F | F | F | F | F | - | - |
| | Northbound | C | C | B | B | F | F | F | F | F | D | D |
| I-395 NB On-Ramp / Seminary Rd. (Northeast Rotary Intersection) | Eastbound | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Westbound | C | C | C | C | D | D | D | D | D | D | D |
| | Northbound | B | C | B | B | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| I-395 SB Off-Ramp / Seminary Rd. (Southwest Rotary Intersection) | Eastbound | B | C | B | C | C | D | C | D | C | E | B |
| | Westbound | B | B | B | C | D | C | E | D | C | E | B |
| | Northbound | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seminary Rd. / Mark Center Dr. | Eastbound | C | F | A | C | A | B | A | B | A | B | B |
| | Westbound | D | D | D | C | C | C | B | C | D | C | C |
| | Northbound | C | B | C | A | B | D | D | D | D | F | D |
| Seminary Rd. / N. Beauregard St. | Eastbound | D | D | C | C | D | D | D | D | C | D | D |
| | Westbound | D | F | C | D | E | F | D | D | E | F | F |
| | Northbound | C | D | C | D | E | E | D | D | C | D | D |
| N. Beauregard St. / Mark Center Dr. | Eastbound | B | A | D | C | D | D | D | D | D | E | E |
| | Westbound | B | B | C | B | D | E | D | D | D | C | C |
| | Northbound | D | D | A | A | A | A | B | A | A | E | B |
| Southbound | D | D | B | B | A | A | C | A | B | A | C | C |

4.4.6 Projected Roadway Traffic Operations

Traffic operational analysis for the proposed condition with projected BRAC 133 trips and interim roadway improvements was performed using CORSIM and Synchro analysis tools. The existing roadway geometry and lane configuration along with interim improvements as shown previously in Figure 4-3, and the projected build-out condition traffic volumes on opening day (2011), including baseline trips, BRAC 133 and IDA generated SOV, rideshare and shuttle trips as shown previously in Figure 4-6 were used as primary inputs to perform the proposed condition traffic operational analysis for the morning and evening peak hour demands.

Optimized signal timing and coordination plans developed using Synchro were transferred appropriately to CORSIM to develop overall study area traffic models. As noted in Section 4.2.2, delineation of the existing island within the rotary and restriping would improve the rotary capacity. Traffic simulation models for the 2011 projected condition utilized this modified configuration to allow three full lanes to circulate the rotary. Multiple simulation runs were made by changing the random seed values for vehicle entry headways, driver responses to traffic choices including gap acceptance, lane change and queue blockages, and driver and vehicle behavior assignment of to surface street vehicles. The data from the multiple runs was evaluated for the projected condition morning and evening peak hour analysis.

Flow rate, speed and density data for freeway mainline and ramp links, and flow rate, control delay, and maximum queue lengths by intersection approach movements for surface links were obtained from the simulation output reports to determine traffic operations. Table 4-15 and Table 4-16 show the traffic operational parameters for the I-395 mainline and ramps under the 2011 projected conditions, including speed, density and LOS.

Table 4-17 and Table 4-18 show the 2011 projected condition traffic operations of the arterial network including control delay, LOS and traffic queues by movement, intersection approach and overall intersection for all the signalized intersections within the study area. In Tables 4-15 through 4-18, intersections with the highest levels of congestion (LOS E and LOS F) have been highlighted for ease of reference.

Table 4-15: Freeway Measures of Effectiveness for the AM Peak Hour 2011 Projected Traffic Operational Analysis with Interim Improvements

| From | LOCATION | | NODE | | LENGTH (ft) | VOLUMES | | LINK STATISTICS | | AGGREGATE STATISTICS | | REMARKS | |
|---------------------------|----------|--|------|------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------|
| | From | To | From | To | | Actual | Simulated | Speed (mph) | Density (vpmpl) | Speed (mph) | Density (vpmpl) | | LOS |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1000 | 1001 | 692 | 6828 | 6343 | 37 | 58 | 41 | 69 | F | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1001 | 1002 | 803 | 6828 | 6346 | 61 | 93 | 41 | 69 | F | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1002 | 1005 | 1073 | 6828 | 6264 | 28 | 57 | 41 | 69 | F | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1005 | 1006 | 790 | 5410 | 5002 | 59 | 28 | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1006 | 1008 | 1235 | 5410 | 5007 | 61 | 28 | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1008 | 1010 | 860 | 5410 | 5018 | 61 | 27 | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1010 | 1011 | 1093 | 6976 | 6340 | 57 | 24 | 58 | 25 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | King Street Exit Ramp | 1011 | 1015 | 706 | 6976 | 6344 | 58 | 27 | 58 | 25 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1015 | 1017 | 635 | 5936 | 5343 | 61 | 29 | 61 | 29 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1017 | 1019 | 485 | 5936 | 5349 | 61 | 29 | 61 | 29 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1052 | 1053 | 643 | 3370 | 3377 | 7 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1053 | 1054 | 534 | 3370 | 3374 | 4 | 25 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1054 | 1056 | 501 | 3370 | 3369 | 67 | 25 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1056 | 1057 | 417 | 3370 | 3364 | 6 | 25 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1057 | 1058 | 513 | 3370 | 3362 | 8 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1058 | 1060 | 616 | 3370 | 3359 | -11 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1060 | 1062 | 560 | 3370 | 3360 | -10 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1062 | 1063 | 525 | 3370 | 3361 | -9 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1063 | 1064 | 571 | 3370 | 3356 | -14 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1064 | 1066 | 675 | 3370 | 3356 | -14 | 26 | 66 | 26 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND RAMP | NB HOV | Seminary Road HOV Entrance Ramp | 1066 | 1067 | 1074 | 3490 | 3484 | -6 | 20 | 65 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB HOV | Seminary Road HOV Entrance Ramp | 1067 | 1068 | 1010 | 3490 | 3479 | -11 | 20 | 65 | 27 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 2001 | 2002 | 812 | 4188 | 3926 | 262 | 18 | 48 | 57 | F | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 2002 | 2004 | 1209 | 4538 | 4033 | -505 | 14 | 48 | 57 | F | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2004 | 2005 | 502 | 3450 | 3359 | -91 | 61 | 62 | 13 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2005 | 2007 | 920 | 3450 | 3360 | -90 | 63 | 62 | 13 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2007 | 2009 | 1142 | 3450 | 3358 | -92 | 63 | 62 | 13 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2009 | 2012 | 1179 | 3450 | 3359 | -91 | 63 | 62 | 13 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2012 | 2014 | 570 | 4249 | 4062 | -187 | 57 | 60 | 16 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | End I-395 South of Seminary Road Interchange | 2014 | 2015 | 728 | 4249 | 4064 | -185 | 62 | 60 | 16 | B | SB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND RAMP | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1005 | 1201 | 299 | 1418 | 1246 | -172 | 11 | 9 | 139 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1201 | 7002 | 203 | 1418 | 1130 | -288 | 6 | 9 | 139 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7002 | 1203 | 232 | 1418 | 1189 | -229 | 10 | 9 | 139 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1203 | 1208 | 232 | 1566 | 1283 | -283 | 28 | 9 | 139 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1208 | 7003 | 201 | 1566 | 1281 | -285 | 33 | 9 | 139 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7003 | 1210 | 221 | 1566 | 1312 | -254 | 34 | 34 | 20 | C | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1210 | 1010 | 234 | 1566 | 1314 | -252 | 34 | 34 | 20 | C | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1010 | 1213 | 358 | 120 | 111 | -9 | 27 | 34 | 20 | C | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1213 | 7005 | 331 | 120 | 111 | -9 | 37 | 34 | 20 | C | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7005 | 1070 | 339 | 120 | 133 | 13 | 46 | 48 | 3 | A | Merge Ramp Section |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND RAMP | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2004 | 2201 | 313 | 1088 | 661 | -427 | 3 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2201 | 7004 | 485 | 1088 | 624 | -464 | 2 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 7004 | 2204 | 491 | 1088 | 564 | -524 | 1 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2204 | 2205 | 376 | 1088 | 572 | -516 | 1 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2213 | 2215 | 197 | 799 | 693 | -106 | 32 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2215 | 7001 | 695 | 799 | 695 | -104 | 33 | 2 | 158 | F | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 7001 | 2216 | 279 | 799 | 708 | -91 | 33 | 12 | 16 | B | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2216 | 2012 | 427 | 799 | 707 | -92 | 33 | 12 | 16 | B | Merge Ramp Section |

Table 4-16: Freeway Measures of Effectiveness for the PM Peak Hour 2011 Projected Traffic Operational Analysis with Interim Improvements

| | LOCATION | | NODE | | LENGTH (ft) | VOLUMES | | LINK STATISTICS | | AGGREGATE STATISTICS | | REMARKS | | | |
|---|----------|--|------|------|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|-----|---------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | From | To | From | To | | Actual | Simulated | Difference | Speed (mph) | Density (v/mph) | LOS | | Speed (mph) | Density (v/mph) | LOS |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND MAINLINE | NB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1000 | 1001 | 692 | 5574 | 5585 | 11 | 62 | 31 | D | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1001 | 1002 | 803 | 5574 | 5587 | 13 | 61 | 30 | D | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1002 | 1005 | 1073 | 5574 | 5588 | 14 | 58 | 25 | C | 60 | 28 | D | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1005 | 1006 | 790 | 4400 | 4447 | 47 | 62 | 24 | C | 62 | 24 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1006 | 1008 | 1235 | 4400 | 4445 | 45 | 62 | 24 | C | 62 | 24 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1008 | 1010 | 860 | 4400 | 4445 | 45 | 61 | 24 | C | 62 | 24 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1010 | 1011 | 1093 | 5660 | 5670 | 10 | 57 | 22 | C | 57 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1011 | 1015 | 706 | 5660 | 5671 | 11 | 56 | 25 | C | 57 | 23 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | King Street Exit Ramp | 1015 | 1017 | 635 | 4380 | 4373 | -7 | 61 | 24 | C | 62 | 24 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1017 | 1019 | 485 | 4380 | 4376 | -4 | 62 | 24 | C | 62 | 24 | C | NB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND MAINLINE | SB GP | Begin I-395 GP Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 2001 | 2002 | 812 | 5996 | 5993 | -3 | 63 | 24 | C | 61 | 23 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | King Street Entrance Ramp | 2002 | 2004 | 1209 | 6486 | 6490 | 4 | 59 | 22 | C | 61 | 23 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2004 | 2005 | 504 | 5380 | 5504 | 124 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2005 | 2007 | 920 | 5380 | 5509 | 129 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2007 | 2009 | 1142 | 5380 | 5511 | 131 | 62 | 22 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | | 2009 | 2012 | 1179 | 5380 | 5507 | 127 | 61 | 23 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2012 | 2014 | 570 | 7239 | 6927 | -312 | 47 | 34 | D | 53 | 32 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB GP | End I-395 South of Seminary Road Interchange | 2014 | 2015 | 728 | 7239 | 6933 | -306 | 58 | 30 | D | 53 | 32 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB HOV | Begin I-395 HOV Lanes South of Seminary Road Interchange | 1068 | 1067 | 1010 | 3290 | 3290 | 0 | 67 | 25 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | SB HOV | | 1067 | 1066 | 1066 | 3290 | 3289 | -1 | 67 | 25 | C | 67 | 25 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 NORTHBOUND RAMP | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1066 | 1064 | 685 | 3190 | 3190 | 0 | 66 | 24 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1064 | 1063 | 564 | 3190 | 3196 | 6 | 66 | 24 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1063 | 1062 | 582 | 3190 | 3193 | 3 | 66 | 24 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1062 | 1060 | 505 | 3190 | 3188 | -2 | 66 | 24 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1060 | 1058 | 616 | 3190 | 3191 | 1 | 66 | 24 | C | 62 | 22 | C | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1058 | 1057 | 513 | 3190 | 3190 | 0 | 66 | 24 | C | 82 | 28 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1057 | 1056 | 417 | 3190 | 3189 | -1 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 28 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1056 | 1054 | 477 | 3190 | 3193 | 3 | 65 | 24 | C | 82 | 28 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | | 1054 | 1053 | 456 | 3190 | 3196 | 6 | 65 | 25 | C | 82 | 28 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| | NB GP | End I-395 HOV Lanes North of Seminary Road Interchange | 1053 | 1052 | 654 | 3190 | 3201 | 11 | 65 | 25 | C | 82 | 28 | D | SB Freeway Mainline |
| I-395 SOUTHBOUND RAMP | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1005 | 1201 | 299 | 1174 | 1145 | -29 | 33 | 35 | D | 33 | 35 | D | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 1201 | 7002 | 203 | 1174 | 1146 | -28 | 33 | 35 | D | 33 | 35 | D | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 7002 | 1203 | 232 | 1174 | 1147 | -27 | 43 | - | A | 33 | 35 | D | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 1206 | 1208 | 232 | 1260 | 1224 | -36 | 29 | - | B | 34 | 19 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 1208 | 7003 | 201 | 1260 | 1228 | -32 | 32 | - | A | 34 | 19 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 7003 | 1210 | 221 | 1260 | 1229 | -31 | 34 | 20 | B | 34 | 19 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | NB GP | | 1210 | 1010 | 234 | 1260 | 1228 | -32 | 34 | 18 | B | 34 | 19 | C | Merge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 2004 | 2201 | 313 | 1106 | 983 | -123 | 34 | 15 | B | 24 | 23 | C | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 2201 | 7004 | 485 | 1106 | 960 | -146 | 18 | 28 | C | 24 | 23 | C | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | NB GP | | 7004 | 2204 | 491 | 1106 | 925 | -181 | 38 | - | A | 24 | 23 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| I-395 GENERAL PURPOSE (GP) & HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES | SB GP | Seminary Road Entrance Ramp | 2213 | 2215 | 197 | 1859 | 1820 | -39 | 32 | - | E | 34 | 19 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 2215 | 7001 | 371 | 1859 | 1419 | -440 | 32 | - | A | 34 | 19 | C | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 7001 | 2216 | 279 | 1859 | 1419 | -440 | 38 | 24 | C | 34 | 34 | D | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 2216 | 2012 | 427 | 1859 | 1420 | -439 | 32 | 40 | E | 34 | 34 | D | Merge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | Seminary Road Exit Ramp | 1066 | 1070 | 317 | 100 | 97 | -3 | 49 | 2 | A | 49 | 2 | A | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 1070 | 7005 | 352 | 100 | 98 | -2 | 49 | 2 | A | 49 | 2 | A | Diverge Ramp Section |
| | SB GP | | 7005 | 1213 | 340 | 100 | 98 | -2 | 56 | - | A | 49 | 2 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 1213 | 1212 | 329 | 100 | 99 | -1 | 56 | - | A | 49 | 2 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |
| | SB GP | | 1212 | 1211 | 130 | 100 | 99 | -1 | 20 | - | C | 49 | 2 | A | Class III Type Urban Arterial |

Results of the 2011 baseline operational analysis without BRAC improvements indicate some of the I-395 mainline and ramp sections serving Seminary Road interchange experiencing higher density values restricting lane changes and operating at unacceptable LOS. Many of the lane group movements at existing signalized intersections within the study area experienced severe delay under the projected demand operating at unacceptable levels of service. These degrading operations at the individual intersection approaches will eventually lead to the failure of the overall intersection. In addition, the overall intersection at the Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street intersection operated at unacceptable levels under the projected morning and evening peak hour demands, with all the intersection approaches and lane group movements experiencing severe delay. The Southeast rotary intersection serving the I-395 northbound exit ramp also operated at an unacceptable level under the projected morning peak hour demand.

Table 4-19 shows a comparative summary of the intersection LOS for the morning and evening peak hours with and without BRAC 133 and IDA improvements for the opening year 2011. Table 4-19 intersections with the highest levels of congestion (LOS E and LOS F) have been highlighted for ease of reference.

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Table 4-19: Comparative Analysis of the Intersection Level of Service for 2011 Baseline and Projected Morning & Evening Peak Hour Traffic Demand With and Without BRAC 133 and IDA Improvements⁴⁰

| Location | | Approach | Link | Mark Center (BRAC 133) TMP USACE, 2010 AM PEAK ANALYSIS | | | | Mark Center (BRAC 133) TMP USACE, 2010 PM PEAK ANALYSIS | | | |
|--|--|----------|-----------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Baseline 2011 Without BRAC 133 & IDA | | Projected 2011 With BRAC 133 & IDA | | Baseline 2011 Without BRAC 133 & IDA | | Projected 2011 With BRAC 133 & IDA | |
| | | | | LOS By Approach | LOS By Intersection | LOS By Approach | LOS By Intersection | LOS By Approach | LOS By Intersection | LOS By Approach | LOS By Intersection |
| LIBRARY LANE | Library Lane / Seminary Road Intersection (Node #5003) | WB | 5002-5003 | A | | B | | A | | A | |
| | | NB | 6017-5003 | C | | C | | C | | D | |
| | | EB | 5005-5003 | A | A | A | B | A | A | A | A |
| | | SB | 6018-5003 | C | | C | | D | | D | |
| I-395 / SEMINARY ROAD ROTARY INTERCHANGE | Southeast Intersection (Node #5015) | NB | 1203-5015 | D | E | E | E | B | C | B | B |
| | | EB | 5013-5015 | E | | F | | C | | C | |
| | | NB | 5015-5010 | B | C | B | C | A | A | A | A |
| | | WB | 5009-5010 | D | | D | | B | | B | |
| MARK CENTER DRIVE | Northwest Intersection (Node #5012) | WB | 5010-5012 | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| | | SB | 2205-5012 | E | | E | | B | | C | |
| | | SB | 5012-5013 | D | D | C | D | A | A | A | A |
| | | WB | 5019-5013 | E | | E | | B | | B | |
| MARK CENTER DRIVE | Mark Center Drive / Seminary Road Intersection (Node #5022) | WB 1 | 5021-5022 | C | | F | | B | | C | |
| | | WB 2 | 5018-5022 | B | C | C | D | C | C | C | D |
| | | NB | 5060-5022 | B | C | C | D | C | C | C | |
| | | EB | 5023-5022 | B | | C | | B | | F | |
| N. BEAUREGARD STREET | N. Beauregard Street / Seminary Road Intersection (Node #5025) | SB | 5045-5022 | F | | F | | D | | E | |
| | | WB | 5023-5025 | C | E | D | E | D | D | D | |
| | | NB | 6004-5025 | F | | F | | F | | F | |
| | | EB | 5026-5025 | D | | D | | D | | F | |
| N. BEAUREGARD STREET | N. Beauregard Street / Mark Center Drive (Node #6005) | SB | 6002-5025 | D | | F | | E | | F | |
| | | WB | 5032-6005 | D | | C | | C | | C | |
| | | NB | 6007-6005 | E | D | E | D | B | C | B | C |
| | | EB | 5030-6005 | E | | D | | D | | D | |
| | | SB | 6004-6005 | C | | D | | C | | C | |

⁴⁰ A third scenario was analyzed to identify the impacts of BRAC 133 traffic only (i.e., without the traffic from the IDA development). Results of the analysis for this scenario indicated only minor improvements in control delay values for signalized intersections within the study area, and a decrease in freeway and ramp densities. However, no significant change in LOS values for the freeway mainline, ramps, or signalized intersections was observed, with the exception of the I-395 NB general purpose lanes during the morning peak hour, which improved from LOS F to LOS E.

4.4.7 Projected Internal Circulation and Traffic Operations

Traffic simulation models developed for the Mark Center projected traffic condition show the proposed internal roadways operating at acceptable conditions with free flowing traffic throughout the internal roadways. The simulation model results were evaluated to identify traffic operations and LOS for the proposed signalized intersection at Mark Center Drive and the proposed roundabout at WHS Circle/IDA Drive - North Parking Garage. The proposed roundabout within the Mark Center site was coded in as a one-way link circulating in a counterclockwise direction, with the roundabout approach legs controlled by yield signs. Conditional turn movements were used to accurately replicate Origin-Destination assignments of the left, through and right turning movements. The output data from the multiple simulation runs were averaged for flow rate, control delay, average and maximum queue lengths for approach movements. Table 4-20 shows the projected morning and evening peak hour traffic operations of the signalized intersection at Mark Center Drive and the roundabout at WHS Circle/IDA Drive-North Parking Garage.

Results from the above table indicate that the proposed internal roadway lane configurations and storage lengths adequately serve the site generated morning and evening peak hour traffic. In addition, the access control facilities at the South Parking Garage experience lesser peak hour vehicle demand than the maximum capacity of the proposed system. Hence, no traffic queues are expected to extend from the access control gates and adversely impact the internal roadway operations. The ACP also has a reserved inbound check-in lane that can be utilized during special scenarios when heavy inbound demand occurs.

Table 4-20: Traffic Operational Analysis of the Proposed Internal Roadway Network for 2011 Projected Morning & Evening Peak Hours

| Location | Approach | Link | Demand Volumes | | | | Modelled Volumes | | | | LOS By Movement | | | LOS By Approach | | | LOS By Intersection | | | Modelled Storage and Maximum Traffic Queuing (ft) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------|-------|-------|------------------|------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----|---------------------|-----|------------------|---|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | | | Left | Thru | Right | Total | Left | Thru | Right | Thru | Thru | Right | Delay | LOS | Delay | LOS | Delay | LOS | Link Length (ft) | Queue (ft) | Storage (ft) | Queue (ft) | Storage (ft) | Queue (ft) | Storage (ft) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARK CENTER INTERNAL ROADWAYS | SIGNALIZED AM PEAK | | 0 | 91 | 30 | 121 | 0 | 92 | 46 | C | A | 21 | C | | | | | 254 | 160 | - | - | 254 | 60 | | |
| | | WB | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | B | - | 26 | C | 11 | B | | | 265 | 40 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | NB | 734 | 944 | 92 | 1770 | 667 | 83 | A | A | 8 | A | A | | | | | 167 | 180 | 167 | 180 | - | - | | |
| | | EB | 177 | 41 | 59 | 277 | 125 | 38 | 49 | B | A | 19 | B | | | | | 533 | 120 | 533 | 140 | - | - | | |
| | SIGNALIZED PM PEAK | | 0 | 406 | 667 | 1073 | 0 | 410 | 594 | B | A | 9 | A | | | | 254 | 140 | - | - | 254 | 140 | | | |
| | | WB | 40 | 132 | 0 | 172 | 45 | 127 | 0 | B | - | 17 | B | 11 | B | | | 265 | 120 | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | NB | 357 | 130 | 11 | 498 | 217 | 63 | 7 | B | A | 18 | B | | | | 167 | 120 | 167 | 160 | - | - | | | |
| | | EB | 18 | 10 | 243 | 271 | 15 | 8 | 181 | B | A | 5 | A | | | | 533 | 20 | 533 | 120 | - | - | | | |
| | | SIGNALIZED AM PEAK ¹ | 258 | 608 | 255 | 1121 | 193 | 518 | 185 | | | 2 | A | | | | 254 | 20 | | | | | | | |
| | | WB | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 | | | 3 | A | | | | 153 | 60 | | | | | | | |
| | | NB | 0 | 64 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 67 | 0 | | | 0 | A | | | | 109 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| | | EB | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 18 | | | 3 | A | | | | 131 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | SIGNALIZED PM PEAK ¹ | 258 | 608 | 255 | 1121 | 193 | 518 | 185 | | | 2 | A | | | | 254 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | WB | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | A | | | | 153 | 20 | | | | | | | |
| | | NB | 0 | 64 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 67 | 0 | | | 0 | A | | | | 109 | 60 | | | | | | | |
| | | EB | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 18 | | | 3 | A | | | | 131 | 0 | | | | | | | |

NOTE:
 1. Average control delay values in seconds per vehicle can be measured for individual approaches only and not for the whole roundabout intersection.

4.4.8 Projected Problem Areas

Traffic operational analysis and simulation modeling results for the projected condition morning and evening peak hour demand indicated locations of concern throughout the study area roadway network that were marked by long traffic queues and spillovers. The LOS at these locations deteriorated to an unacceptable E or F, with demand exceeding capacity. Some of the notable locations that require improvements are shown below.

Along Interstate Mainline and Ramps:

- I-395 Northbound GP lanes south of the Seminary Road interchange and the Seminary Road exit ramp section
- I-395 Southbound GP lanes north of the Seminary Road interchange and the Seminary Road exit ramp section,
- Seminary Road entrance ramp section to southbound I-395

Projected traffic queue spillback along southbound I-395 extends north past the King Street interchange, affecting the entrance ramp operations and weave section maneuvers from King Street. The extents of the northbound queue spillback and its impact on Duke and Seminary Road interchange operations should be evaluated.

Along Arterial Streets and Intersections:

- Southeast rotary intersection that controls the I-395 northbound exit ramp approach - identified as the primary cause of projected traffic congestion along southbound I-395 and eastbound Seminary Road
- North Beauregard Street and Seminary Road intersection - the heavy left turn demands from conflicting intersection approaches result in an inadequate allotment of green time splits that affects the capacity and operations of the overall intersection
- Eastbound Seminary Road queue spillback due to degrading traffic operations at the southeast rotary intersection

Other Concerns causing Traffic Operational Problems:

- Short distance weaving maneuvers executed by the right turns from northbound North Beauregard Street to eastbound Seminary Road create vehicular conflicts and impedance of through traffic flow
- Existing lane configurations along Seminary Road have multiple lane merges and splits occurring over short distances that require quick driver decision-making and reaction skills. Unfamiliar drivers and familiar drivers with slow reaction times who fail to execute these merge and lane change maneuvers in timely fashion block may traffic and impede traffic operations

In addition, the traffic demand at many of the intersection approach movements within the study area exceed available capacity resulting in spillover and traffic overflow that extends into downstream intersections impeding corridor wide traffic flow and operations.

4.4.9 Recommended Solutions

The locations identified in the previous section were assessed for potential improvements that would help improve overall operations. After review of the traffic characteristics and travel patterns from the simulation models under the projected demand conditions, preliminary improvements were identified that require further review and validation. Some of the proposed recommendations are long-term by nature, due to the associated costs and funding approval. Extensive coordination between participating agencies including VDOT, City of Alexandria, USACE, and other agencies is required in the identification of specific improvements and their implementation.

Recommended Roadway Improvements:

1. Improve Seminary Road rotary interchange capacity by delineating the existing island within the rotary and restriping to allow three full lanes to circulate the rotary.
2. Widen the existing single lane approach from I-395 north and south exit ramp traffic movements going westbound on Seminary Road, to two lanes. This significantly improves the southbound I-395 mainline and ramp operations at the Seminary Road interchange.
3. Widen northbound I-395 exit ramp approach to allow a longer two-lane wide ramp section. This adds more capacity to the ramp and helps mitigate some traffic congestion along I-395. However, this can only be a short-term improvement since the traffic queues are attributed to the inadequacy of the downstream rotary intersection.
4. Provide a direct HOV access ramp from I-395 south to Seminary Road to serve rideshare trips and to relieve traffic congestion from the GP lanes. This improvement combined with optimized signal timing at the southeast rotary intersection can help eliminate most, if not all of the projected queuing and spillback problems along Seminary Road and northbound I-395.
5. Reconfigure the existing southbound I-395 entrance ramp from Seminary Road, and the ramp merge influence area to add capacity. The existing entrance ramp from Seminary Road tapers from a double lane to a single lane ramp before entering the freeway section via a 200 ft acceleration lane. The projected traffic demand requires a longer merge section.

Recommended Intersection Improvements:

1. Eliminate northbound left turns from Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street intersection by constructing a three phase- signalized intersection at Foster Avenue for the redirected left turns. This will limit the number of signal phases at North Beauregard Street and Seminary Road intersection and improve overall intersection capacity and corridor operations along Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street. This improvement requires the following concurrent capacity and traffic control modifications to obtain the required results without causing any adverse traffic operational impacts along N. Beauregard corridor.
 - a. Widen North Beauregard Street to receive four lanes of traffic at Foster Avenue with the two inside lanes operating as dedicated left turns

- b. Widen and improve Foster Avenue to receive two lanes of one-way traffic and provide a direct merge to Seminary Road
 - c. Widen Seminary Road at the Fosters Avenue merge location to receive two additional full lanes; the added lanes should be tapered gradually to meet the existing lane geometry to allow smooth merging and eliminate any potential bottleneck
 - d. Restripe the two northbound dedicated left turn lanes at the Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street intersection as through lanes
 - e. Eliminate all southbound left turns from North Beauregard Street into Southern towers at the proposed Foster Avenue intersection location and redirect them to execute left turns at Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street intersection to access Southern Towers via Mark Center Drive. Additional capacity and signal timing review required to identify the impacts of this added traffic at Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive intersection.
 - f. The right turns from Southern Towers to North Beauregard Street should be yield-controlled
 - g. Coordinate signal timing operations of the proposed signal with the existing signals along Beauregard corridor
2. Optimize signal timing and coordination at the rotary interchange with the coordinated cycle length determined based on the demand experienced at the southeast rotary interchange.
 3. Install advance warning signs, lane guidance regulatory signs, informational guide signs and highly visible pavement markings at all lane merge and split decision points to aid in advance decision making, and minimize vehicular conflicts.
 4. Provide exclusive bus bays at all existing bus stop locations to prevent blocking of through traffic by stopped buses.

Recommended Traffic Control Improvements:

1. Optimize signal timing and coordination along Seminary Road by using an identical optimized cycle length throughout the corridor
2. Modify east-west signal coordination along Seminary Road by coordinating the westbound through movement at Mark Center Drive intersection and the westbound left turn movement at North Beauregard Street intersection. This will help clear Seminary Road at Mark Center Drive and North Beauregard Street intersections and reduce traffic queues, since most of the westbound through traffic exiting Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive intersection execute left turns to travel on North Beauregard Street. This will also improve the flow of the I-395 ramp traffic movement and minimize backups along I-395 mainline and ramps.

3. Improve existing pedestrian crossing signal equipment to include new countdown pedestrian signal heads, push buttons, audible pedestrian signals and pedestrian signage that meet ADA and MUTCD guidelines to adequately inform and serve the projected pedestrian traffic.

Recommended Internal Circulation Improvements:

Install MUTCD recommended “Do Not Block Intersection” (R10-7) signs along the Mark Center internal roadway network intersection crossings, especially at exit points from parking garages, to keep traffic from joining stopped queues and obstructing other intersection approaches from discharging.

Other On-Going Study Improvements:

VDOT is currently exploring the feasibility of a direct HOV access ramp from I-395 South to Seminary Road which would benefit BRAC 133 traffic and improve interchange traffic operations.

4.5 Impacts on Employees and Residents

4.5.1 Citizen and Neighborhood Associations

The following are concerns that have been articulated by citizens and neighborhood associations in the vicinity of BRAC 133. This study did not examine or attempt to validate the concerns and/or assumptions made by citizens, nor has an effort been made reference any studies that may validate citizen assumptions. The following serves as a list of documented citizen concerns and assumptions to which stakeholders (i.e., DoD, the City of Alexandria, VDOT, etc.) are currently working together to address.

The primary concern of the citizens and neighborhood communities is the addition of about 3,800 new vehicular trips to the BRAC 133 location and its traffic impacts on the surrounding roadway network. Another concern was the fear that the provision of free employee parking at the site would encourage more SOV trips to the site and ultimately result in parking overflow. Reduction of site-generated SOV trips by more than 40 percent was suggested for consideration. Other concerns include current lack of an extensive shuttle service plan and shuttle service amenities, internal roadway circulation, pedestrian and bicycle traffic circulation and safety, access control point processing and traffic backups, and lack of a comprehensive intermodal plan for the region. USACE and its affiliated organizations are working in close coordination with the City staff and the BRAC Advisory Group to identify their concerns and take appropriate action.

In response to the already raised citizen and neighborhood concerns, the Army is making or has already made the following transportation improvements or plan changes to meet their demands:

1. Implement interim roadway and traffic control improvements identified and approved as part of the 2003 TIS/TMP to improve roadway capacity and traffic operations.
2. Eliminate left turns from I-395 exit ramp traffic at Mark Center Drive and Seminary Road intersection by constructing a physical barrier obstruction to reduce vehicular conflicts and minimize short distance lane change maneuvers.

3. Propose TDM strategies that account for 40 percent or more reduction in site-generated SOV trips.
4. Develop a pedestrian circulation and sidewalk plan that includes improvement to the existing sub-standard sidewalks, ADA ramps and crosswalks to meet ADA guidelines, continuity to the existing sidewalk system and connectivity to major activity centers.
5. Relocate visitor control center to the south campus from its previous north campus location to minimize impacts of any traffic queues extending from the VCC and affecting Mark Center Drive and Seminary Road intersection operations.
6. Restrict site access control point (ACP) and verification guard booths to the south campus location to minimize impacts of any traffic queues extending from the access control gates from affecting the traffic operations along North Beauregard Street and Mark Center Drive.
7. Construct a pedestrian bridge connecting north and south parking garages to help transport employees and visitors to the south ID verification and security checkpoint before entering into the facility. Restricting North garage entering employees and visitors to use the pedestrian bridge for accessing the security and ID verification point eliminates potential traffic queues that may have originated from providing a second ACP at the north garage entrance.
8. Use Army recommended access control processing equipment with faster processing rates to adequately serve the peak hour arriving vehicular demand.
9. Provide multiple DoD/WHS shuttle bus services from the Pentagon Transit Center, Metrorail stations serving Blue, Yellow and Orange lines, and Virginia Rail Express (VRE) stations during the morning and evening peak periods of travel to promote Metrorail use and non-SOV site trips.
10. Proposed Transportation Center with five bus bays will offer short-term parking for DoD shuttles with facilities for shuttle bus drivers.

The projected trip origin and distribution patterns and traffic operational analysis concerns raised by the citizens and neighborhood communities are being addressed in the TMP document. In addition, the short-term roadway improvements recommended by the BRAC Advisory Group staff were reviewed for feasibility. Some of the recommendations identified by the BRAC Advisory Group staff match the TMP proposed recommendations and should be further studied for implementation.

4.5.2 Employee Concerns

The comments obtained from the WHS commuter survey respondents were summarized to identify the primary concerns of the relocating employees to the BRAC 133 site. Many of the employees were uncertain of their proposed future travel patterns and mode choices since they had not yet been briefed on all the available transportation options to access BRAC 133. Some of the primary concerns expressed by employees include the lack of attractive public transportation/Metrorail to BRAC 133, existing congestion along I-395 corridor, no direct HOV access from I395 South at Seminary Road interchange, lack of information on DoD shuttle bus plan (including frequency of shuttle service, bus sizes, bus headways and serviced Metrorail stations), pedestrian and bicycle facilities, shuttle bus service during

mid-day and off peak hours, parking restriction and management, slugging, emergency vehicle access, telecommuting and flexible work schedules. The traffic impacts from the proposed Mark Center site and the mitigation efforts in progress are outlined below.

1. The proposed development at BRAC 133 is expected to generate 57 percent drive-alone vehicle trips and 11 percent ride-share vehicle trips that include carpools, vanpools and shuttle buses. The total development at BRAC 133 and IDA adds a total of about 2,000 new AM peak hour trips, and 1,900 new PM peak hour trips to the existing roadway network surrounding Mark Center. Forty-eight percent of all the new trips are projected to use I-395, with 19 percent from the north and 29 percent from the South.
2. Interim roadway improvements including roadway widening and traffic signal modifications are scheduled for completion before September 15, 2011 and will improve capacity and traffic operations. However, the Seminary Road exit ramps from I-395 north and south directions will operate at unacceptable levels with traffic queues and congestion extending to the mainline. Traffic will also experience some delays at the Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street signalized intersection.
3. Short and long-term improvements are being identified within this TMP document and recommended for further review and implementation. These improvements if approved and implemented will alleviate traffic congestion and promote smooth travel.
4. A currently on-going VDOT study to develop alternatives for providing a direct HOV access from I-395 South to Seminary Road is being reviewed by FHWA, VDOT and other agencies for feasibility and funding. If approved, this improvement will relieve I-395 congestion and provide direct HOV access to the site.
5. Long-term studies to widen I-395 between Duke Street and King Street interchanges are also being evaluated and studied by VDOT. However, the approval process and securing of federal funds may be time consuming.
6. Rideshare trips from I-395 South have the option to travel on I-395 HOV lanes, exit at the Pentagon, and use DoD shuttles to travel to Mark Center site.
7. Multiple DoD/WHS shuttle buses operating at 10 or 15 minute headways will serve BRAC 133 employees from the Pentagon Transit Center, King Street Metro Station (Blue/Yellow Lines/VRE/MARC), Ballston, East Falls and West Falls Church (Orange Line) Metrorail stations during the morning and evening peak periods of travel. Shuttle buses during the off peak periods will service at 30-minute headways. Shuttle service will be offered for 15 hours a day, from 5:30 AM to 8:30 PM on all weekdays to serve employees working late. The proposed shuttle plan is flexible and will be modified for bus sizes and headways as per employee demand once the facility is open and operational.
8. Some Government vehicles may be made available by individual organizations for employee mid-day travel to off-site meetings.

9. A detailed pedestrian circulation and sidewalk plan that includes improvements to the existing walkway system (including, ADA ramps, crosswalks and pedestrian walkway facilities), provides continuity to the existing walkway system and connectivity to major activity centers is being implemented to promote pedestrian travel.
10. Bike racks and shower facilities with lockers are being provided at the site to serve employees who bike to work and to promote non-motorized mode of travel.
11. A slug lane with a pedestrian refuge area is being provided to anticipate slugging among employees.
12. Proposed Transportation Center with five bus bays will offer short-term parking and waiting area for DoD shuttles with facilities for shuttle bus drivers. A covered pedestrian bridge will safely transport employees entering or exiting the BRAC 133 complex to the North parking garage and the Transportation Center.
13. Parking spaces will be available for 57 percent of the total 6,409 employees. In addition, designated parking spaces will be allotted for rideshare vehicles including carpools, vanpools and slug vehicles. Hybrid vehicles and bikes will also be allotted designated parking spaces. ADA parking spaces will be located closer to the entry point for easy access. Parking spaces will be distributed to tenant organizations as per their employee ratios. Organizations will be ultimately responsible for designating employees to receive parking permits. Parking permits will be assigned by parking garage to eliminate added internal circulation trips between the North and South garages.
14. Telecommuting and flexible work schedules are being recommended for enforcement by tenant organizations to assist commuters and relieve traffic congestion problems.

Detailed discussions on TDM strategies including transit service, WHS/DoD shuttle plan alternatives, rideshare promotions and matching, public and private transit service, employee incentives, and parking management are included in the following Section 5.

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