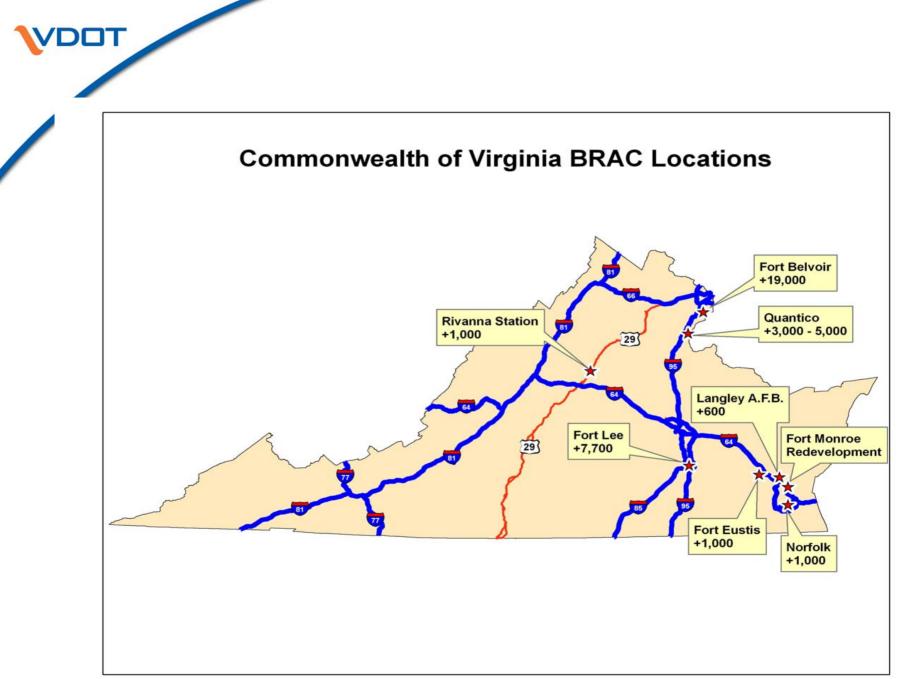


### Commonwealth Transportation Board Workshop

# Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) – Transportation Initiatives

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• The "Big Three" is now the "Big Four"

- \* Marine Corps Base Quantico 3,000 to 5,000 employees
- \* Fort Lee 7,700 employees
- \* Fort Belvoir 19,000 employees
- \* Fort Monroe Potential for 1300-2300 residential units, 1.0 million to 1.13 million sq. ft. non-residential development



**Marine Corps Base Quantico** 

When We Last Met - July 2007

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement not released
- Only funding commitment for transportation improvements was a Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority grant for bus shelters (\$199,000)

#### Since July 2007

- July 2007 Draft Environmental Impact Statement published
- October 2007 \$2.9 million budgeted by Department of Navy for I-95/Russell Road Interchange improvements
- April 2008 Final Environmental Impact Statement published
- June 2008 Record of Decision expected



### **Marine Corps Base Quantico**

# Key Improvements Not Addressed

- Onville Road Widening \$16 million
- Telegraph Road Reconstruction \$7 million
- I-95 Northbound Off-Ramp to Russell Road East Gate Cost Unknown

**Fort Lee** 

When We Last Met - July 2007

• Record of Decision was signed

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• Localities and State allocated \$12 million for off-base road improvements - No Army funding commitments for off-base road improvements

#### Since July 2007

- July 2007 C.O. submitted Defense Access Road (DAR) requests for four BRAC related projects totaling \$5.7 million
- October 2007 DAR indicates one project may be eligible (Jefferson Park/Allin/Adams/Bull Hill round-a-bout @ A Avenue Gate)
- November 2007 VDOT provides revised cost estimate of round-a-bout project (\$4.5 million) and agrees to administer project
- April 2008 Defense Access Road Program certified the Jefferson Park/Allin/Adams/Bull Hill round-a-bout project



#### Key Improvements Not Addressed

- Route 36 (Oaklawn Blvd.) \$2.3 million
- Route 144 (Temple Ave.)/Puddledock Road \$1.8 million
- Courthouse Road/Bull Hill Road \$2.7 million
- Jefferson Park Road \$1.9 million
- Middle Road \$1.5 million

#### When We Last Met - July 2007

• Final Environmental Impact Statement published

- 22,000 additional employees to relocate to Fort Belvoir
- Army's "Preferred Alternative" relocated 18,000 of the 22,000 employees to the Engineer Proving Grounds
- Virginia committed over \$200 million for I-95 4<sup>th</sup> lane and Fairfax County Parkway projects directly benefiting Ft. Belvoir
- The Army's "Preferred Land Use Alternative" required \$458 million to mitigate the transportation impacts
- Army made no commitments to fund any transportation improvements
- Fairfax County Parkway Extension MOA negotiations stalled



#### Since July 2007

- August 2007 Record of Decision Published
  - Total net increase in employees reduced to 19,000
  - Defers a decision on location of 6,200 employees (WHS)
- September/October 2007 Groundbreaking for NGA and Hospital buildings
- December 2007 Fairfax County Parkway MOA approved in concept by CTB
  - Caps number of employees locating to EPG at 8,500
  - FHWA to administer design-build contract using VDOT funds
  - Army donates 155 acres for Parkway
- January 2008 Amended DAR certification recommends three projects (\$36 million) providing direct access into EPG

#### Since July 2007, continued

- February 2008 Fairfax County Parkway MOA formally executed
- May 2008 FHWA to issue RFP for a design-build contract for the Fairfax County Parkway
- June/July 2008 Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Environmental Assessment to be published will recommend a location for 6,200 employees
- August 2008 Army determines location of WHS

- October/November 2008 CTB will be asked concur on FHWA's award of the Fairfax County Parkway design-build contract
- December 2010 Goal to complete Fairfax County Parkway project

#### Key Improvements Not Addressed

- I-95/Fairfax County Parkway Interchange \$75 million
- Fairfax County Parkway east of I-95 \$65 million
- Transit Improvements \$57 million

- Spot intersection Improvements \$15 million
- Franconia-Springfield Parkway/Neuman St. Interchange Access
  \$76 million
- Beulah/Backlick/Loisdale/Newington improvements \$50 million
- Route 1 Crossings \$15 million

**Fort Monroe** 

When We Last Met – July 2007

• Base Closure - not on VDOT's radar screen

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• 2007 - General Assembly created the Fort Monroe Area Development Authority (FMADA)

- 18 members (City of Hampton, VA House and Senate, 5 Virginia Cabinet members)

- Chairman is Secretary Bryant (Natural Resources)

Since July 2007

• March 2008/April 2008 – BRAC Coordinator attended FMFDA meetings

- FMFDA considering four redevelopment scenarios - maximum development contains 2300 residential units and 1.1 million square feet of office/commercial

- Traffic study performed by consultant but did not study impacts to transportation facilities in the City of Hampton or I-64

• April 2007 - Secretary Homer sent letter to Secretary Bryant outlining transportation concerns and need to involve VDOT staff



### **Fort Monroe**

Since July 2007, continued

- May 2008 Public hearing on Fort Monroe Reuse Plan
- June 2008 Final Draft Reuse Plan approved by FMFADA
- August 2008 Governor approval of Draft Reuse Plan and Final Reuse Plan submitted to Army
- July 2009 Complete NEPA Documentation

#### **Bottom Line**

**Statewide BRAC Transportation Funding Shortfall** 

- Marine Corps Base Quantico \$26 million
- Fort Lee \$10 million

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- Fort Belvoir \$353 million\*
- Fort Monroe Unknown

#### **Total Known BRAC Shortfall = \$389 million**

\*Construction only – does not include design or right of way costs.



- DOD policy for determining eligibility of public transportation projects using DOD funds
- Policy last updated in 1991

- Most commonly used criteria include:
  - Doubling of traffic
  - New roads providing direct access
  - Replacement roads

Congressionally Mandated Studies on BRAC Transportation Impacts

 Section 2709 of the Defense Bill – GAO report concluded it was too early to determine transportation impacts

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 2008 House Report 110-238 DOT and HUD Appropriations Bill – GAO study currently underway to review BRAC transportation impacts on transit and transportation **Proposed DAR Legislation** 

Requires Department of Defense to fund a pro rata share for road improvements if their land use action results in a decrease to Level of Service E or F

• Would apply to 2005 BRAC projects

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**2009 Senate Language on DAR** 

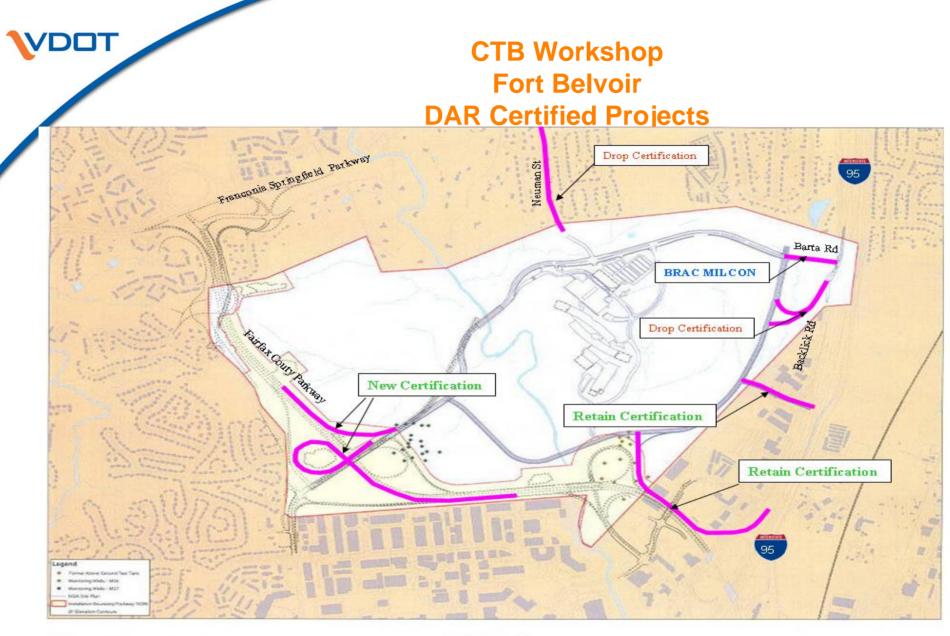
- Requires Secretaries of Defense and Transportation to review current DAR criteria and submit report to Congress by September 30, 2008.
- Requires an analysis on whether a separate military construction account for DAR projects should be created
- Requires a review of the measurement tools for assessing eligibility for DAR projects (i.e., doubling vs. level of service)
- Requires recommendations for changes in the criteria



# **Questions?**



# **Backup Slides**



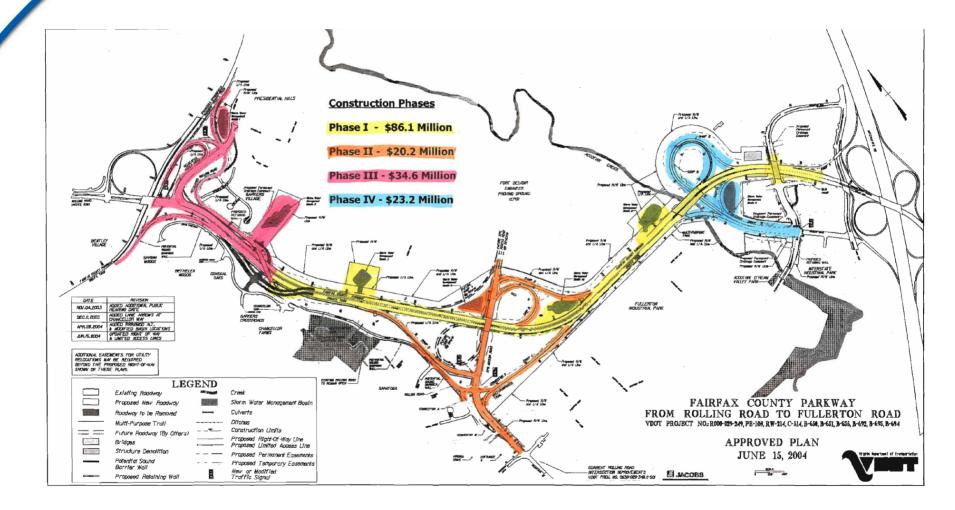


EPG Site Plan Fort Belvoir / EPG Fort Belvoir, Virginia

DAR certified access points



### CTB Workshop Fort Belvoir – Fairfax County Parkway





- Rt. 144/River Road/Rt. 725 intersection improvements (\$1.46 million)
- Jefferson Park/Allin/Bull Hill round-a-bout (\$1.47 million)
- Rt. 36/Lee Avenue Gate signal improvements (\$10,000)
- Courthouse/Bull Hill intersection improvements (\$2.76 million)