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Seminary Hill Association, Inc.  
2115 Marlboro Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22304

February 22, 2011

Mayor and City Council  
City of Alexandria, Virginia  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and Members of City Council:

This morning, the Board of Directors of the Seminary Hill Association, Inc., held a special meeting and unanimously passed the attached resolution that opposes any additional access from I-395 onto Seminary Road going east. This resolution reaffirms the longstanding position of the City of Alexandria and Seminary Hill on VDOT's proposal to increase access from I-395 to our local street, Seminary Road.

We respectfully urge Council to reject any study conclusions that would allow eastbound access from the proposed HOV ramp onto Seminary Road.

Sincerely,



Nancy R. Jennings, President  
Seminary Hill Association, Inc.

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY AND ALL NEW OR INCREASED ACCESS  
FROM ANY AND ALL LANES OF I-395 TO SEMINARY ROAD EAST**

WHEREAS, VDOT has proposed and the Alexandria City Council has supported the study of “Alternative F,” a new reversible ramp from I-395 HOV lanes to the top level of the existing Seminary Road interchange, which would provide access to Seminary Road West toward the BRAC-133 site and access to Seminary Road East into Seminary Hill and adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed ramp is to provide HOV/transit access to and from the BRAC-133 site and, as such, there is no reason why any new access ramps should be built to facilitate and encourage additional traffic flows through the residential neighborhoods along and near Seminary Road East, and

WHEREAS, such access to Seminary Road East would be open to all vehicles for most hours of the week; and

WHEREAS, such access would provide the only exit from the I-395 HOV lanes between Springfield and the Pentagon, and would be used all day every day by north- and southbound drivers headed to and from countless destinations between Springfield and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, on 22 November 2002 the Alexandria City Manager recommended that the Alexandria City Council not support a similar VDOT proposal, based on Alexandria City staff’s findings that “access ramps at Seminary Road would result in Seminary Road conveying substantial cut through traffic on its way to destinations outside Alexandria” [City of Alexandria, Virginia Memorandum dated 22 November 2002, to The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, from Philip Sunderland, City Manager]; and


WHEREAS, on 22 November 2002, the Alexandria City Council adopted the City Manager’s recommendation and resolved that VDOT should “eliminate from further consideration the proposed construction of a HOV ramp at Seminary Road, King Street or Duke Street in Alexandria” [Resolution No. 2048]; and

WHEREAS, Seminary Hill Association, Inc. has previously testified before the Alexandria City Council (Testimony of Joanne Lepanto on behalf of Seminary Hill Association, Inc. before the City Council of Alexandria Public Hearing, Saturday, 14 March 2009, Docket Item #9) that (1) it opposes any ramps to or from HOV lanes at Seminary Road East, even if initially designated for limited uses, and (2) that any additional ramps to/from Seminary Road West must be designed in such a way that would not allow vehicles using such ramps to gain access to or from Seminary Road East; and

WHEREAS, on 27 October 2009, the Alexandria City Council adopted Resolution No. 2366, resolving its strong opposition to the I-95/395 HOT Lanes project and declaring that "Seminary Road is a residential street and any access from the proposed HOT/Bus/HOV Lanes onto Seminary Road or into the Seminary Road interchange would negatively impact Seminary Hill communities and adjacent neighborhoods by allowing and encouraging cut-through traffic through Seminary Hill and other residential neighborhoods" [Resolution No. 2366]; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Seminary Hill Association, Inc. vehemently opposes any and all new or increased access to or from any and all lanes of I-395 to Seminary Road East, and respectfully requests that the Alexandria City Council reaffirm its resolve to protect Seminary Hill and adjacent neighborhoods, and request that VDOT remove from consideration the Seminary Road East access ramp in Alternate F and any subsequent proposals for such a ramp.

ADOPTED: 22 February 2011

  
Nancy R. Jennings, President  
Seminary Hill Association, Inc.