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COA Contact Us: BRAC 133--the terrible transformation of the Mark Center to Ft Belvoir

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

I am deeply concerned and
upset about the BRAC 133 project being developed at the intersection of
I-395 and Seminary Road in Alexandria, VA.
I served in the Air Force for
30 years, and was the Deputy Military Assistant to Dr Rice (SECAF) during
one of the earlier rounds of BRAC. The BRAC process, while not always
popular, was designed to ensure local community input and open discussion
within the Congress prior to final legislative action.
The actions that
took place well after the final legislative action, which resulted in the
Mark Center being designated "Ft Belvoir" and the construction of
buildings...without adequate consideration for transportation, the impacted
employees, the local communities, or the impact on the broader area....are

shameful. They make a mockery of the BRAC process.

I hope you or your

Comments:

staff can attend the community meeting on this subject on Monday, May 24th at 7:30 PM at the Bailey's Community Center on Summers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22311.

I also hope you will personally take an immediate and urgent interest in this critical issue that is being implemented, without adequate planning, to the significant detriment of thousands of innocent...and deeply concerned citizens.

Finally, I urge you to get our federal representative more involved. Congressman Moran has been doing a great job of leading this fight. But we have been terribly disappointed at the lack of any discernable involvement by Senators Webb and Warner.

Respectfully,

Barry S. Wilson

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THINK IT'S BAD NOW? JUST WAIT.



Traffic in our neighborhood is in danger of getting much worse.

**You've seen the construction at Mark Center.
You've seen the stories:**

“...The changes are likely to create choke points near Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County and near Seminary Road in Alexandria.” – *The Washington Post*

“...Without a more aggressive improvement plan, VDOT simulations ‘indicate *complete gridlock conditions on Seminary Road and Beauregard Street* in the vicinity of Mark Center’.” – *Federal Times* (Emphasis added)

NOW COME SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

At a meeting sponsored by the Palisades Homeowners' Association:

- Get an update on the Mark Center project from the chairman of the BRAC citizens' advisory group, which is working to head off disaster as the project moves toward its September 2011 move-in date.
- Meet elected county and state representatives and tell them what you think.
- Hear ideas for easing the looming traffic gridlock.
- Offer your own ideas.

**MONDAY, MAY 24, 7:30 P.M. @ Bailey's Community Center on
Summers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22311**

We must work together to protect our quality of life.