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Dear Mr. Thompson:

On behalf of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), I am pleased to forward you a copy of the Traffic and Intersection Improvement Studies for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Report. As you know, as part of the congressionally authorized BRAC process, the number of direct and indirect jobs coming to Maryland over the next six to ten years is estimated at 40,000 to 60,000, with Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Fort George Meade, and the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda (NNMC) receiving most of these positions. To prepare for the impacts that this influx of jobs and people will have on our State roadways, the SHA is conducting studies of the highway transportation needs associated with BRAC at these installations. The enclosed report presents the results of the studies completed for APG.

The study included data collection at numerous locations around APG in Harford and Cecil Counties, development of short-term intersection improvement concepts that could be implemented by 2011, and identification of long-term needs for corridors and intersections around APG. In addition, this study was closely coordinated with the Maryland Transportation Authority's (MdTA) ongoing efforts to improve I-95.

The results of SHA's traffic studies indicate that the existing roadway network will be insufficient to accommodate the influx of new traffic expected as a result of the BRAC action at APG. The travel forecasts indicate that a total of 31 intersections (out of 47 analyzed) are projected to operate at failing conditions for either the morning or evening peak period by 2015. To prepare for this anticipated increase in traffic volumes, the SHA developed preliminary improvement concepts at these 31 locations. However, the level of available State and Federal funding is insufficient to program all of the needed short-term improvements identified in this



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study. Therefore SHA, in coordination with Cecil County, Harford County, the City of Aberdeen and the APG Garrison Commander, developed a list of priority intersections that are recommended for improvement, as funding becomes available. Six of these intersection improvements are currently funded for either preliminary engineering or construction in MDOT's Consolidated Transportation Program.

In addition to developing short-term improvements for the most critical intersections near APG, SHA evaluated long-term needs to identify corridors that may require improvements to operate at acceptable levels of service in the year 2030. Long-term needs would need to be coordinate through the County's annual transportation priority submission to the Secretary of Transportation.

If you have any questions or comments about SHA's BRAC initiatives at APG, please contact Ms. Mary Deitz, Project Manager, at 410-545-5570, toll-free at 888-204-4828, or via email at mdeitz@sha.state.md.us. You may also contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



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