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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

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SUBJECT: BRAC Activities

BMC staff worked or are working on BRAC-related activities from various venues:

Regional Analysis Performed for MDP

In FY 2007, BMC staff evaluated projects in support of BRAC. This was developed for MDP's use in determining estimates of BRAC-related households, population and employment. BMC convened a BRAC subcommittee comprised of local comprehensive planning and transportation planners to evaluate and comment on the initial allocation of BRAC socioeconomic data by small geographic area.

Regional Analysis – Updated Information

In FY 2008, BMC staff continued to evaluate BRAC initiatives by working with the local jurisdictions in developing a more detailed transportation network. BMC staff built a network with subzones. BMC worked with local jurisdiction teams providing technical assistance where necessary to enable local planners to develop more detailed input data. The product, which is presently in the analysis stage, will provide output from the travel demand model to be used in further study.

OEA Grant Analysis

Presently, Anne Arundel County has received a grant to provide three separate studies to look at impacts around Ft. Meade. These include a more detailed analysis for: traffic movement, housing demand and transit usage. Subcommittees were formed to review proposals and select consultants to perform these analyses. Project review teams will monitor progress.

Harford County/WILMAPCO

BMC staff met with Harford County and WILMAPCO to discuss MARC opportunities to and from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor

A group from Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford County as well as local governments outside of our region have met to discuss options.

Data Collection Activities---Speed and Travel Time Analysis

In Fall 2007, BMC staff have collected speed and travel time data for the AM peak period to Ft. Meade and APG. Twenty-two routes were selected and driven using GPS technology. The data will be compared to conditions after BRAC is implemented.

Overall Data Analysis

BMC staff have provided specialized tabulations and forecast information to a variety of consultants working with member jurisdictions on BRAC activities. BMC staff have provided explanations on the derivation of datasets and assumptions used by various partners to develop BRAC input data.