

**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: April 17, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tim Baroody *TJB*
Director of Economic Development

ISSUE: Endorse Grant Application for Transit Improvements in Preparation for Base Realignment and Closure

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: (2)

[1] Background Report [2] Reso/Ord/Proc # R07-174

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REVIEW: [X] County Administrator's Office *R/C*

[] Legal _____

[] Budget _____

- [X] **Consent Agenda** [] **Other Business** [] **Public Hearing**
- [] **Discussion Item** [] **Presentation** [] **Unfinished Business**
- [] **New Business**

PRESENTATION BY: N/A

ELECTION DISTRICT: N/A

BACKGROUND REPORT

The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) has announced a total of \$12.5 million in grant funds for localities impacted by the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Committee. Of this amount, \$7.5 million is designated for Naval Air Station Oceana, and the remaining \$5 million is available through a competitive grant process. Jurisdictions are responsible for identifying potential projects and providing 50% matching funds. The application deadline is April 30, 2007.

The Quantico Growth Management Committee, which consists of three Board Members each from Stafford and Prince William, recommends that a \$398,000 application be made to fund a Quantico area transit improvement program. (Prince William has agreed to serve as fiscal agent, and divide funds equally.)

The request includes a request for \$99,000 (to be matched by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission) for bus shelters to serve existing and future routes to and from Fort Belvoir facilities.

Additionally, \$100,000 is being requested (to be matched by the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) to undertake a master plan for transportation in the areas of Telegraph Road, Route 1 and the Russell Road/I-95 interchange. The master plan will identify necessary transit infrastructure to support the expanded service and other improvements required for the growth planned at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

The second portion of this request is consistent with the Board's desire to see Boswell's Corner redeveloped to meet our economic development vision for the area. If awarded, these funds will allow Stafford to begin to examine infrastructure issues. Funds would be used to obtain a detailed inventory of existing mobility assets and to preliminarily design a more efficient road network in Boswell's Corner.

Furthermore, these efforts will allow staff to assess the population, housing and employment forecasts generated by the BRAC study to ascertain gaps or weaknesses not envisioned in the County's pre-BRAC mobility planning efforts. This assessment will generate a series of capital improvement needs associated with meeting level-of-service expectations of future Stafford County residents. Since traditional transit service is not available in this part of Stafford County, emphasis will be placed upon identifying a level of transit infrastructure that would be appropriate to meet the assessed need.

Staff recommends adoption of proposed Resolution R07-174, which endorses the grant application to the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority for transit improvements in preparation for BRAC impacts.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 17th day of April, 2007:

MEMBERS:

- Jack R. Cavalier, Chairman
- Mark Dudenhefer, Vice Chairman
- M. S. "Joe" Brito
- Peter J. Fields
- Robert C. Gibbons
- Paul V. Milde III
- George H. Schwartz

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR BRAC IMPACTS TO FORT BELVOIR AND MARINE CORPS BASE-QUANTICO.

WHEREAS, the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) announced \$12.5 million in grant funds for localities impacted by the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Committee; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this program are to be distributed to impacted localities on a competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline is April 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Prince William and Stafford, and the Quantico Growth Management Committee recommend that an application be completed for transit improvements in preparation for BRAC impacts, to include bus shelters to serve existing routes and future expanded routes to and from Fort Belvoir facilities, recommended as mitigation by the Fort Belvoir environment impact statement, and a transportation master plan for transit infrastructure and other transportation improvements required for growth planned at Marine Corps Base-Quantico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 17th day of April, 2007, that it be and hereby does endorse the VNDIA grant application for transit improvements in preparation for BRAC impacts.

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