

## Braddock Road Widening Citizen's Task Force

### Issues, Comments and Suggestions

#### Woodhirst Homeowners Association

##### Transit Center Issues

**The two major concerns for our community are the increased congestion in the area that is bordered by Burke Lake Road, Rolling Road and Braddock Road and the location of the transit center**

- **Issue 1** -It is very difficult to leave our community by turning right on Signal Hill Drive and heading North on Burke Lake Road. The traffic light at Burke Lake Road and Rolling Road backs up beyond the library and sometimes beyond the entrance to Lake Braddock High School. The major back-ups occur during the AM rush hour when there is increased traffic from commuters and Lake Braddock students. There are also the same traffic concerns when leaving our community and turning left on to Rolling Road and heading Northwest towards Kings Park shopping center.
- **Issue 2** - We are concerned about the entering and exiting points of the proposed transit center location and the increased traffic and dangerous traffic patterns for both cars and pedestrians that it could create.
- **Issue 3** - We are concerned that the proposed location is not large enough to house the proper number of parking spaces to support the project and will be inadequate to achieve the result needed to accomplish the goals of the transit center.
- **Comment** - We would be happy to represent the Signal Hill HOA.
- **Suggestion** - Consider the Burke Road VRE parking lot or the NVTC location as an alternative for the transit center.

## **Additional concerns regarding transit center location**

- The shopping center is a small one and is currently located in a fully developed residential area that is already suffering from excess traffic, not only on major roads, but also through nearby neighborhoods during commuter times. Placing a transit center in such a place, regardless of whether there is road widening on Braddock Road, will increase congestion, especially in morning and evening rush hours, as cars try to enter and exit the transit center site to and from surrounding roads.
- A transit center at this site will have a major negative impact on this small but highly utilized shopping center. The excess traffic going to and from the transit center will interfere with patrons trying to utilize the shops for many hours each day, probably driving down business. I would not expect many of the commuters to take up the slack as they will be intent on getting where they are going on our crowded roads.
- I would expect that a lot of commuters might find it more convenient to take up many of the shopping center parking spaces, thus reducing parking for customers, especially if the proposed parking facility is too small to accommodate demand (note: Ironically, if the parking facility proves adequate, it would just prove that there is not enough demand for the center at this location!).
- The increased transit center bus traffic, as well as the extra cars trying to get into and out of the transit center, will add to pollution in this area. Have pollution studies been done to see if EPA air quality standards can be met?