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# I-95 DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS RAMPS TO THE ENGINEER PROVING GROUND

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

## PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC HEARING

### PROPOSED PROJECT

**In cooperation with the U.S. Army** — Fort Belvoir and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, is preparing plans for the construction of two single lane access ramps from Interstate 95 directly to the Army's Fort Belvoir Engineer Proving Ground (EPG). The two ramps include the following: 1) Construct an additional lane by widening the ramp from south bound (SB) I-95 to the north bound (NB) Fairfax County Parkway. This additional lane will be barrier separated from the Parkway and will provide a dedicated lane for access to the EPG's internal access/southern loop road. This ramp is intended to be used only by the Department of Defense (DoD) personnel and service traffic to the EPG site. 2) Construct a reversible single lane approach road and structure over Backlick Road, SB I-95 general purpose lanes and the HOV/HOT lanes. The single lane road will tie into an existing slip ramp from the HOV/HOT lanes to the NB I-95 general purpose lanes. The project will provide access to the EPG from NB I-95 HOV in the morning and egress from the EPG to NB I-95 general purpose lanes and SB HOV/HOT lanes in the afternoon.

The project is being proposed as part of the DoD's nationwide Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) activities, which call for locating 8,500 new DoD employees within the EPG site area. These new ramps are proposed as improvements to anticipated traffic flow on the Fairfax County Parkway and provide efficient access and egress for the EPG and direct access and egress with I-95. This undertaking is currently in the preliminary design, environmental review and public/agency review stage. Should this project move forward it is anticipated that construction would begin in early 2010 and construction completed later in 2011. Funding for the project is anticipated to be provided by DoD's Defense Access Road Program.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the FHWA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this undertaking. The EA describes the project's purpose and need, the range of alternatives considered including the Preferred Alternatives, the effects of the alternatives upon the surrounding environments, and the agency coordination and public involvement activities conducted. Comments on the EA as well as those received at the public hearing will be included in the final environmental decision document. Submission of comments and expression of concerns related to possible impacts upon the natural and built environment as well as consideration for cultural resources covered by the National Historic Preservation Act are encouraged from attendees. Critical components of meeting the requirements of NEPA include soliciting public input and the consideration of such input in the documentation and decision making process.

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A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2008 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department (Meeting Hall), 7011 Backlick Road, Springfield, Virginia. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed action and the findings of the Environmental Assessment. A presentation will be made at 7:00 PM. Representatives from the FHWA will be available to discuss specific issues and answer questions during the open forum portion of the meeting. Comment forms will be provided and a verbatim reporter will be available to record oral testimony and comments.

The Environmental Assessment will be available for review on or before August 15th at the Federal Highway Administration's office located at 21400 Ridgetop Circle in Sterling and VDOT's Project Information Center at 6706 Springfield Mall in Springfield. The environmental document will also be available on-line at FHWA's website: [www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects-environment.aspx](http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects-environment.aspx).

Preliminary design concepts, traffic data and general information regarding the proposed project will be available for viewing and to aid in discussing details of the possible effects on the environment. All interested citizens, groups, agencies and businesses are invited to attend this public hearing. Please contact, Mr. Jack Van Dop, Environmental Specialist, FHWA at (703) 404-6282 or [jack.j.vandop@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:jack.j.vandop@fhwa.dot.gov) for any questions related to this project.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008**

**6:00 PM AND 8:00 PM**

**Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department  
(Meeting Hall)**

**7011 Backlick Road •Springfield, Virginia**



**FIGURE 1 - Project Location**

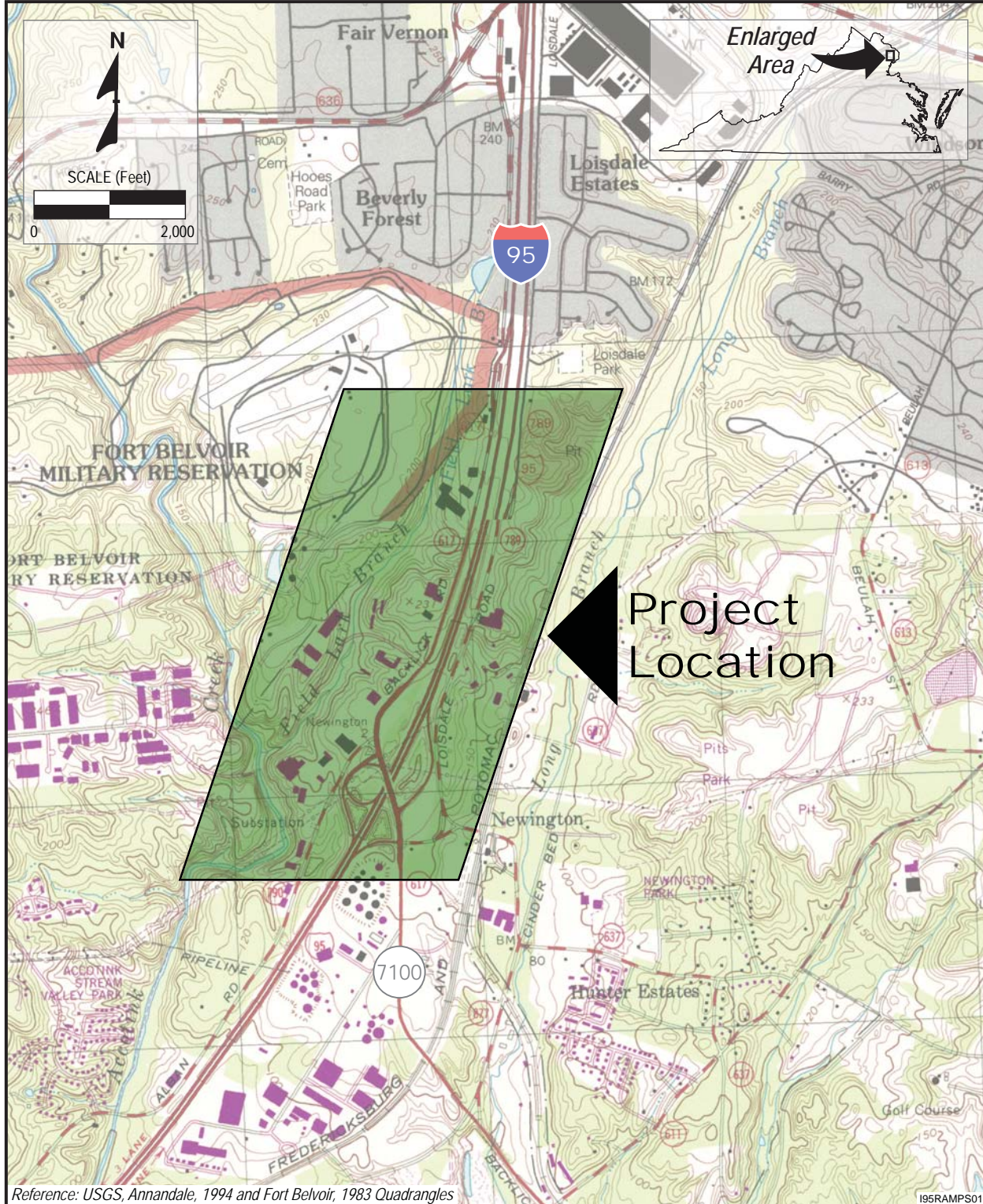




FIGURE 2 - Preferred Alternatives



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RAMP 1

A—A Ramp Roadway Section to South Spine Road

B—B Ramp Roadway Section from SB I-95 Lanes

RAMP 2

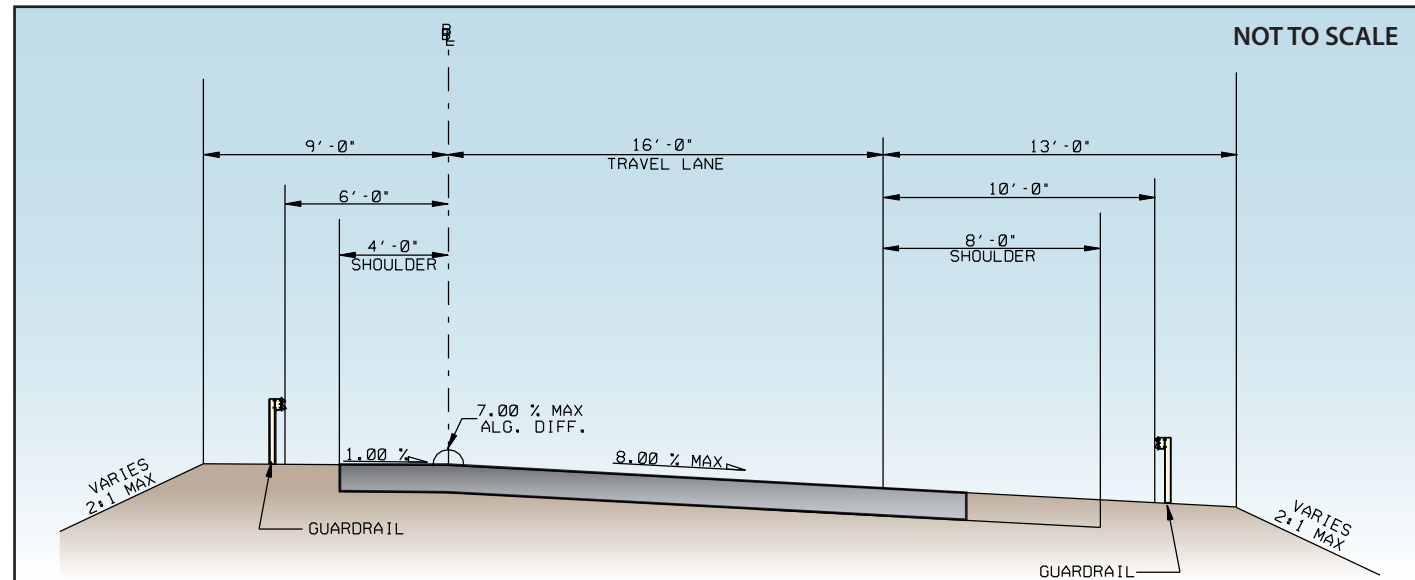
C—C Ramp Structure over I-95

D—D Ramp Roadway Section



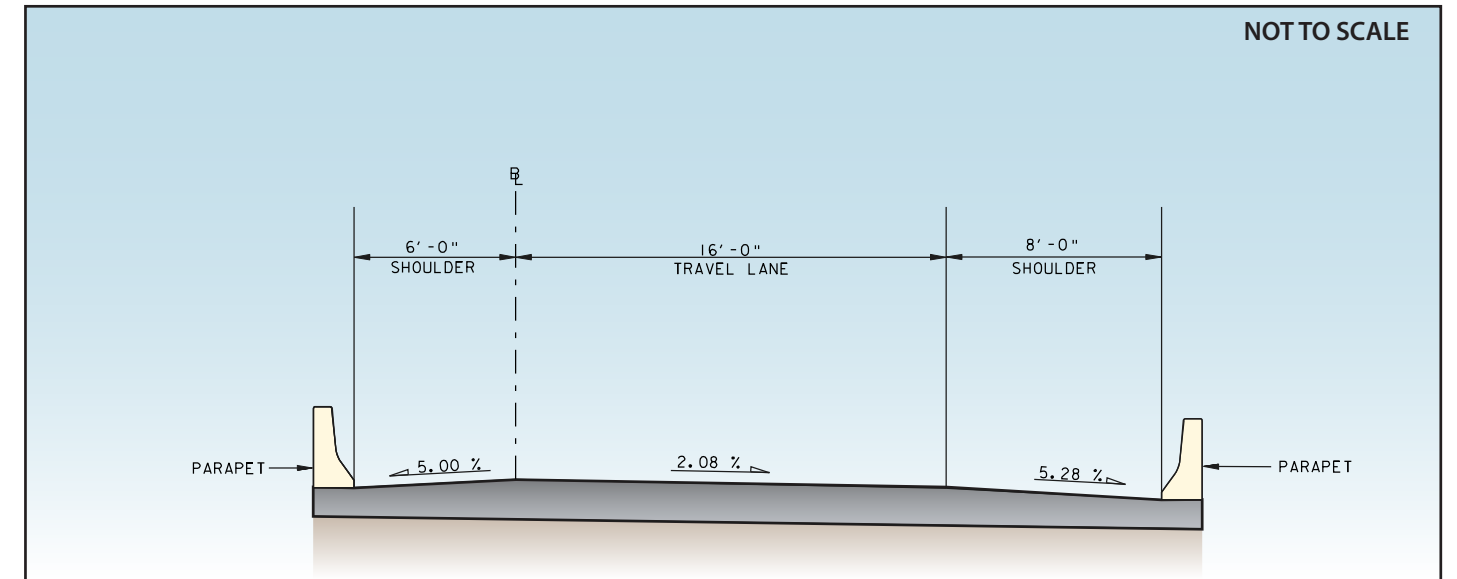
**FIGURE 3 - Typical Cross Sections**

**A-A. RAMP ROADWAY SECTION TO SOUTH SPINE ROAD**



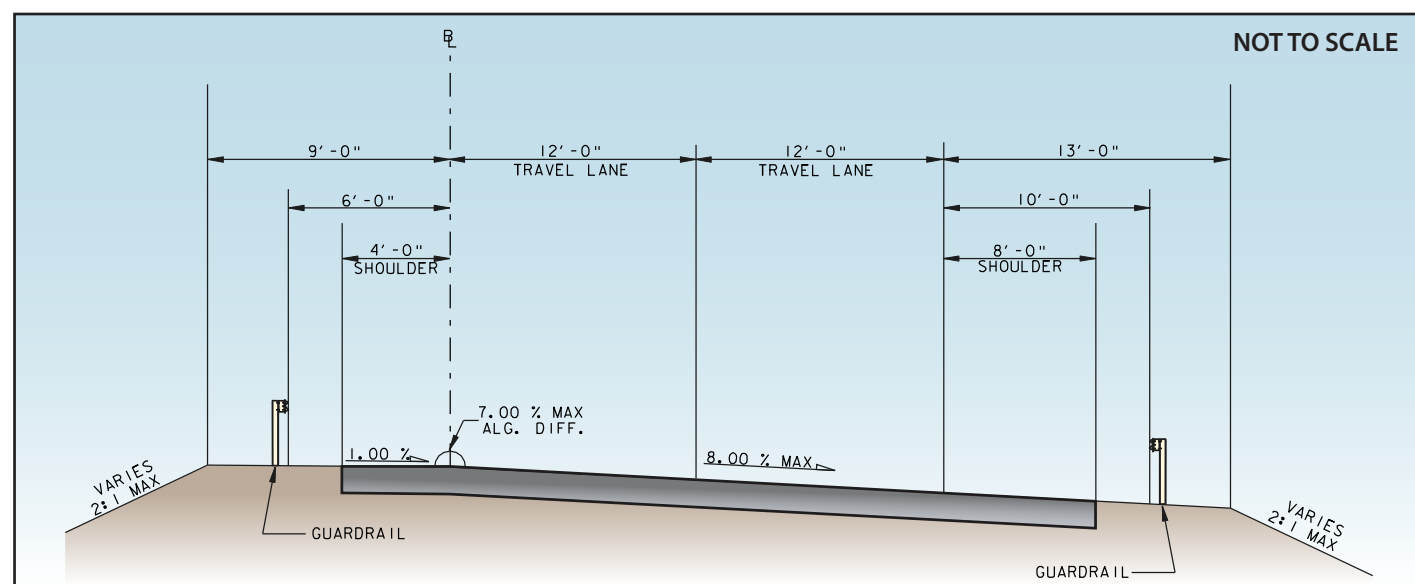
Ramp 1 at Fairfax County Parkway

**C-C. RAMP STRUCTURE OVER I-95**



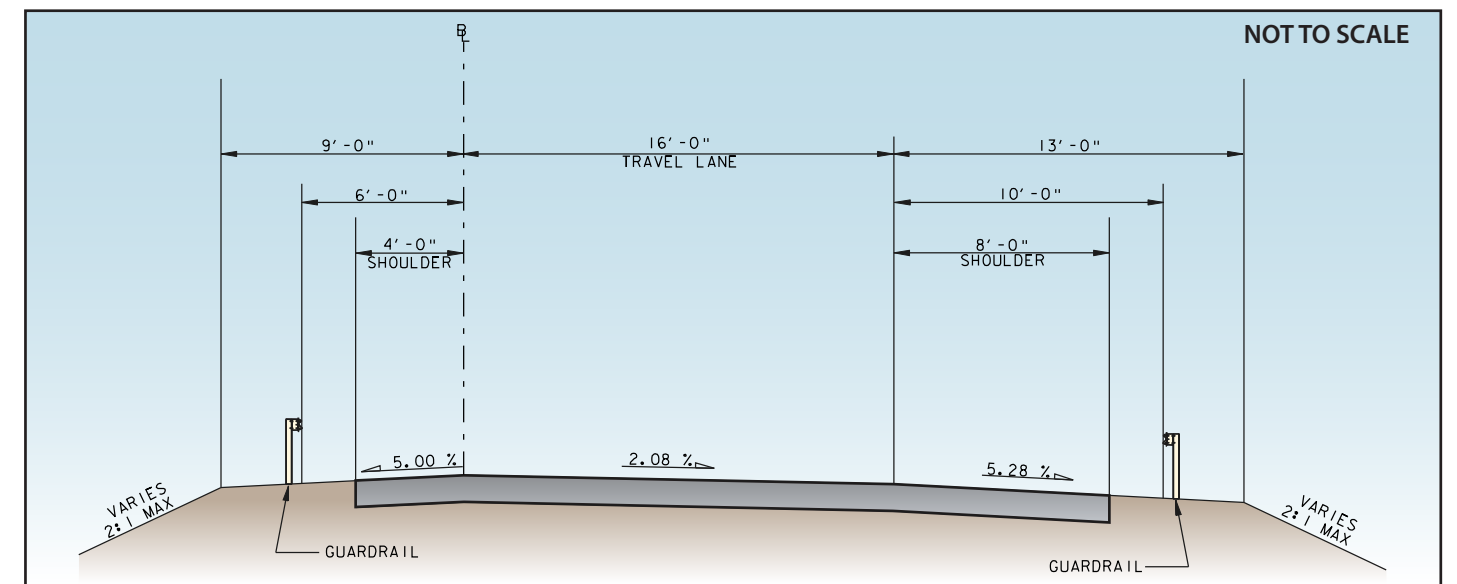
Ramp 2 to EPG from HOV Flyover Ramp

**B-B. RAMP ROADWAY SECTION FROM SB I-95 LANES**



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**D-D. RAMP ROADWAY SECTION**



Ramp 2 to EPG from HOV Flyover Ramp