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The Honorable William M. "Mac" Thornberry
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

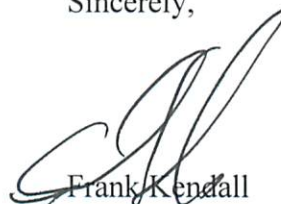
This letter responds to the House Report 113-473, page 290, and to the Senate Report 113-211, page 259, accompanying H.R. 4870, the Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2015 requesting the Secretary of Defense submit a report on any remaining balances from funds appropriated in section 8110 of the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011, including an execution plan for those funds that will improve access to the Department's military treatment facilities.

The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), on behalf of the Department, is carrying out the program for transportation infrastructure improvements associated with medical facilities related to recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission authorized by the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Enclosure 1). To date, the Department has obligated \$288.9 million of the \$300 million appropriation to support eight projects at four installations (Enclosure 2), leaving \$10.2 million available for obligation following the loss of \$835,000 through the FY 2013 sequester.

OEA plans to retain the remaining \$10.2 million balance until all projects funded under this program are completed to ensure funding is available in the event of any cost overruns due to unforeseen circumstances by the Grantees. The last project is scheduled for completion in December 2018 and any remaining fund balance at that time will be returned following consultation with the congressional defense committees.

Follow-on questions concerning this report may be directed to the Director of OEA at 703-697-2123. Identical letters have been sent to the other congressional defense committees.

Sincerely,



Frank Kendall

Enclosures:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member

ENCLOSURE 1

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL FACILITIES RELATED TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2005 DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION: PROGRAM EXECUTION

- April 15, 2011 – \$300 million program authorized by Section 8110 of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10), to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, or supplement other Federal funds for transportation infrastructure improvements associated with medical facilities related to recommendations of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.
- July 21, 2011 – Federal Register Notice initiated a competitive proposal process.
- October 2011 – A Federal Review Panel [Defense Access Roads Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)] conducted the competition.
- November 1, 2011 – Eight transportation infrastructure projects [at four installations] totaling \$299.6 million were selected to apply for funding and OEA subsequently awarded \$288.9 million¹ funding:
 - Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland;
 - Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington;
 - Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and
 - Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.
- OEA obligated \$288.9M of the funds by the end of Calendar Year 2012. Unobligated balances of \$10.2M remain available until expended.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), through reimbursable agreements, is assisting OEA with grant execution and monitoring:
 - FHWA State Division Offices is providing Federal oversight for OEA grants [for projects in MD, WA, and TX].
 - FHWA-Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division is directly executing the Fort Belvoir project with Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

¹ One project component of a proposed and invited project at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Bethesda, Maryland was not funded at the time of award due to concerns from the community about the necessity of the project. This project accounts for the cost difference of \$10.7M between the total cost of the projects selected by the Federal Review Panel (\$299.6M) and the funding awarded/obligated (\$288.9M).

ENCLOSURE 2

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL FACILITIES RELATED TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2005 DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION: TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT SUMMARIES AND AWARDED FUNDING

**INSTALLATION: WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER,
BETHESDA, MARYLAND**

Applicant: Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Transportation

Project Title: Maryland Route 355 Multimodal Crossing

Funding Request: \$40 million [AWARDED 8/3/2012]

The project will construct: (1) a shallow pedestrian and bicycle underpass beneath Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike), just south of the South Wood Road/South Drive intersection. Access to the underpass will be provided by elevators, escalators, and stairs; and (2) a bank of three high-speed elevators on the eastern side of Rockville Pike that will provide a direct connection from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to the existing Medical Center Metrorail station mezzanine. When completed, it will improve pedestrian access and safety and support multi-modal transportation systems around the Medical Center. The requested funds, together with previously committed funding from the Defense Access Roads program (\$28.1 million) will complete the total \$68.1 million project. The project will be executed by the applicant, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, which estimates project completion December 2018. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Planning and Design

Applicant: Maryland State Highway Administration

Project Title: Maryland Route 185 & Jones Bridge Road/Kensington Parkway

Funding Request: \$18.3 million [AWARDED 12/11/2012]

The project will construct improvements at Maryland Route 185 (Connecticut Avenue) and Jones Bridge Road/Kensington Parkway to increase capacity at a currently gridlocked intersection serving the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Phase 1 consists of widening southbound Connecticut Avenue and adding an exclusive right-turn lane from the Interstate-495 (Capital Beltway) off-ramp to Jones Bridge Road. Phase 2 will widen northbound Connecticut Avenue from Manor Road to the Interstate-495 on-ramp to provide an additional through lane. Phase 3 will widen eastbound Jones Bridge Road and add an additional left-turn lane. The total project cost is \$29.7 million and includes \$11.4 million in state matching funds. The project will be executed by the applicant, the Maryland State Highway Administration, which estimates completion of all project phases by March

2017. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Phase 1 & 2 – Construction Complete, Phase 3 – Planning and Design

Applicant: Maryland State Highway Administration

Project Title: Maryland Route 355 & West Cedar Lane/Cedar Lane

Funding Request: \$19 million - \$8.292M¹ [AWARDED 12/31/2012]

The project will construct improvements at Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike) and West Cedar Lane/Cedar Lane to increase the safety, capacity and operation at a currently gridlocked intersection serving the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Phases 1-3 will widen northbound and southbound Rockville Pike from Wilson Drive to W. Cedar Lane/Cedar Lane. Phase 4 will widen northbound Rockville Pike north of the intersection with Cedar Lane to just north of Locust Hill Road. The Sligo Creek parkway project element consists of a pedestrian bridge and trail improvements on the Anacostia Tributary Trail over Sligo Creek. These improvements are mitigation for land acquisition needed for the above intersection projects. The total project cost is \$50.2 million and includes \$31.2 million in matching funds. The project will be executed by the applicant, the Maryland State Highway Administration, which estimates completion of all project phases by March 2016. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Phase 1-3 – Under Construction

Applicant: Maryland State Highway Administration

Project Title: Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike) & Jones Bridge Road/Center Drive

Funding Request: \$4.3 million [AWARDED 12/31/2012]

The project will provide a double left-turn lane from Jones Bridge Road to Rockville Pike, and provide an exclusive left-turn lane from eastbound Center Drive onto northbound Rockville Pike. Dynamic lane control will be established on southbound Rockville Pike between South Wood Road/South Drive and Jones Bridge Road, changing the lane usage from a through lane to a left-turn lane during afternoon peak traffic. The project will improve the capacity and operation at a currently gridlocked intersection serving the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. The project will be executed by the applicant, the Maryland State Highway Administration, which estimates project completion by December 2018. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Planning and Design

¹ Phase 4 of the Maryland Route 355 & West Cedar Lane/Cedar Lane at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Bethesda, Maryland was not funded at the time of award due to concerns conveyed to Maryland State Highway Authority (SHA) from the community about the necessity of the project.

Applicant: Maryland State Highway Administration

Project Title: Maryland Route 187 (Old Georgetown Road) & West Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue

Funding Request: \$7.3 million [AWARDED 9/14/2012]

The project will widen westbound West Cedar lane to add an exclusive right-turn lane, and widen northbound Old Georgetown Road to add an exclusive right-turn lane. Pedestrian safety and transit access are also included in the overall scope. The project will increase capacity and safety at that intersection. The total project cost is \$8 million and includes \$700,000 in matching funds. The project will be executed by the applicant, the Maryland State Highway Administration, which estimates project completion by December 2015. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Under Construction

INSTALLATION: JOINT BASE LEWIS -MCCHORD, WASHINGTON

Applicant: City of Lakewood, Washington

Project Title: Madigan Army Medical Center Access Improvement

Funding Request: \$5.7 million [AWARDED 8/3/2012]

The project is designed to alleviate congestion and mitigate impediments to safety and capacity along the Berkley Street corridor between the Union/Berkley intersection and the Madigan Army Medical Center gate. The project will add a third lane to the existing Berkley Street bridge over Interstate-5 (Freedom Bridge); add a second left turn lane to the Interstate-5 southbound off-ramp; upgrade and coordinate traffic signals at the Interstate-5 northbound ramp, the Interstate-5 southbound ramp and Union Avenue; add a second receiving lane from Freedom Bridge into Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and add pedestrian facilities for improved safety. The applicant estimates project completion by July 2016. The project will be executed by the City of Lakewood and the Washington State Department of Transportation. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Washington Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Planning and Design

INSTALLATION: FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

Applicants: Fairfax County, Virginia / Commonwealth of Virginia

Project Title: Route 1 Widening from Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

Funding Request: \$180 million [AWARDED 7/16/2012]

The project will widen the current four lane Route 1 passing through Fort Belvoir to six lanes – connecting to the existing six-lane configuration at both ends. This project includes bicycle lanes and pedestrian facilities, drainage and utility improvements, and additional space that can be used for future transit and is designed to alleviate congestion and mitigate impediments to safety and capacity along Route 1. This will facilitate a safer and more expeditious commute for patients and employees of the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. The applicants estimate project completion by May 2016. The project will be executed by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, in coordination with the applicants.

Project Status: Under Construction

INSTALLATION: JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Applicant: City of San Antonio, Texas

Project Title: Interstate Highway-35 – LOOP 410 Connector

Funding Request: \$25 million [AWARDED 9/14/2012]

The project will construct a safer interchange (eliminating a current traffic weaving hazard) where Interstate-410 joins Interstate-35, and relocate the exiting exit and entrance ramps to Brooke Army Medical Center along southbound Interstate-35. The applicant estimates project completion by March 2017. The project will be executed by the Texas Department of Transportation in coordination with the applicant. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, is assisting with project oversight.

Project Status: Under Construction
