

**Assessment of Final Recommendations of
the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
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BRAC Chronology

- May 13, 2005 Defense Secretary Rumsfeld forwarded the department's recommendations to the BRAC Commission
- June – COG Board and TPB approve outline for COG report to assess the regional land use, transportation and air quality impacts of BRAC
- July
 - COG Board and TPB approve report “*Impacts of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Recommendations For the Metropolitan Washington Region*” and transmit findings to BRAC Commission
 - BRAC Commission holds hearings concerning D.C., Maryland and Virginia DoD
- August – BRAC Commission votes on final BRAC recommendations
- September 8 - BRAC Commission forwarded report on the recommendations to the president

Methodology and Assumptions for Developing 2010 and 2020 Job and Household Forecasts Resulting from BRAC Recommendations

- Analysis and Interpretation of BRAC Recommendations
 - May 2005 U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) BRAC list
 - Northern Virginia Regional Commission DoD leased facilities database
 - National Capital Planning Commission federal employment facility file
 - Meetings / conversations with DoD agencies, contractors, commercial real estate brokers

Assumed numbers were knowledge and judgment as of June 27

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- Three Categories of Job Movements
 - DOD-owned Facilities
 - DOD Employees in Leased Space
 - DOD Contractor Jobs (Induced)

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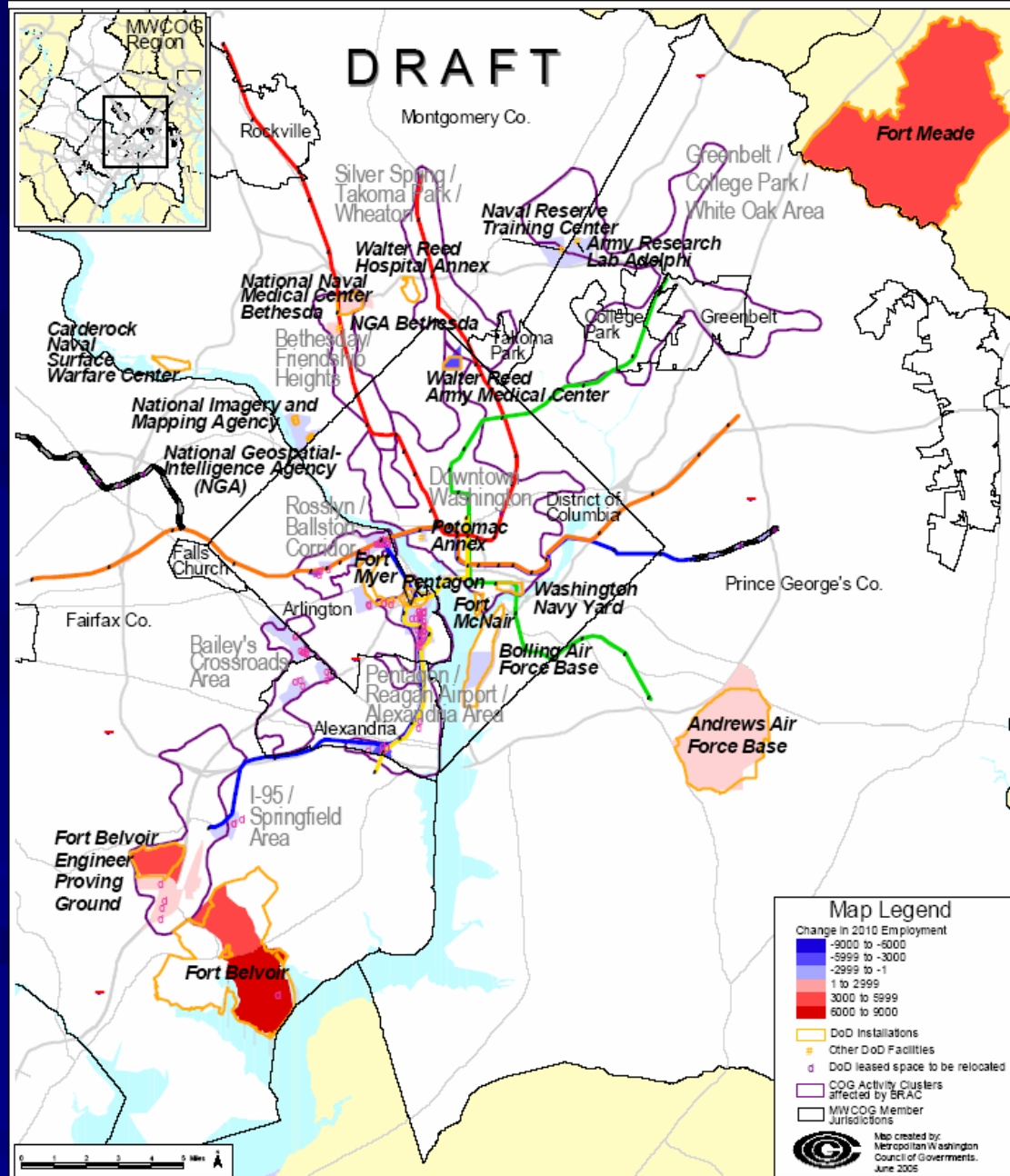
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- BRAC base and facility changes largely complete or underway (5/6 of job movements have occurred: 6-year implementation requirement)
- DoD workers in leased office space must be in facilities that meet the UFC security requirements - 2009

2020

- all BRAC DoD base realignments complete
- absorption of space or redevelopment will occur for leased facilities vacated in 2010 for failure to meet UFC standards – but less new construction by 2020; and Household impacts

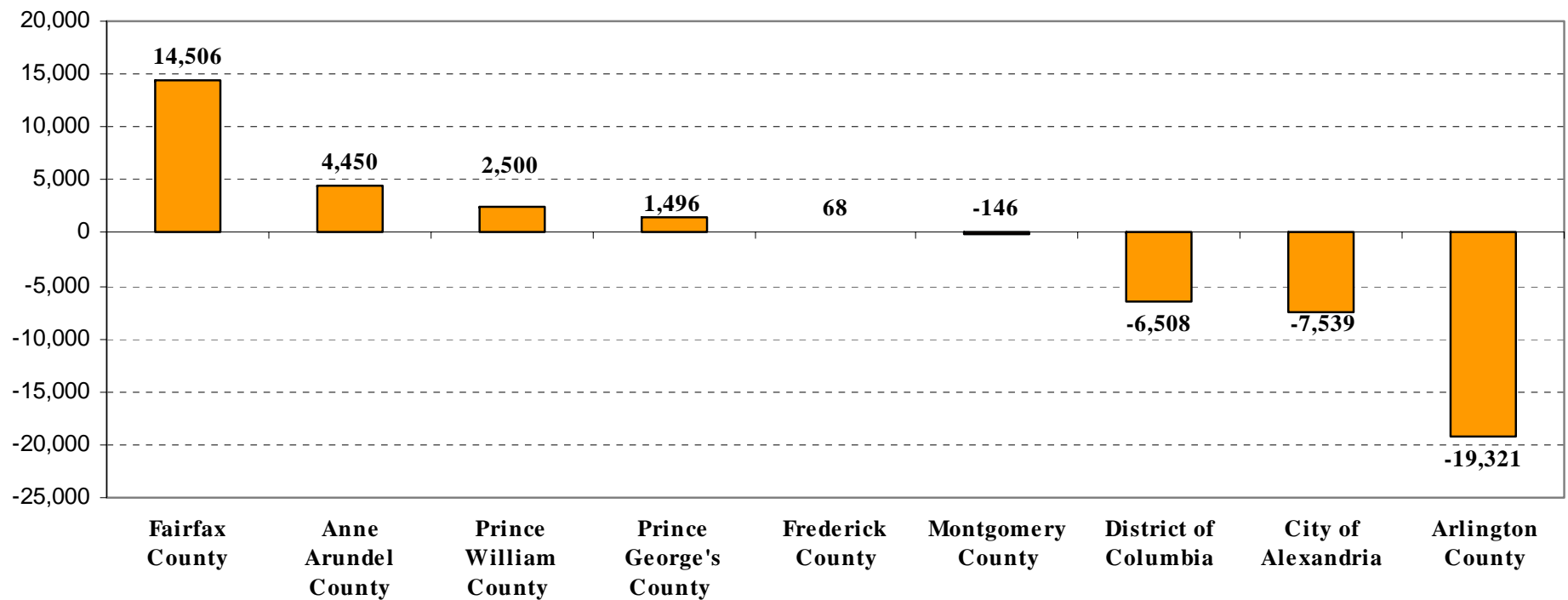
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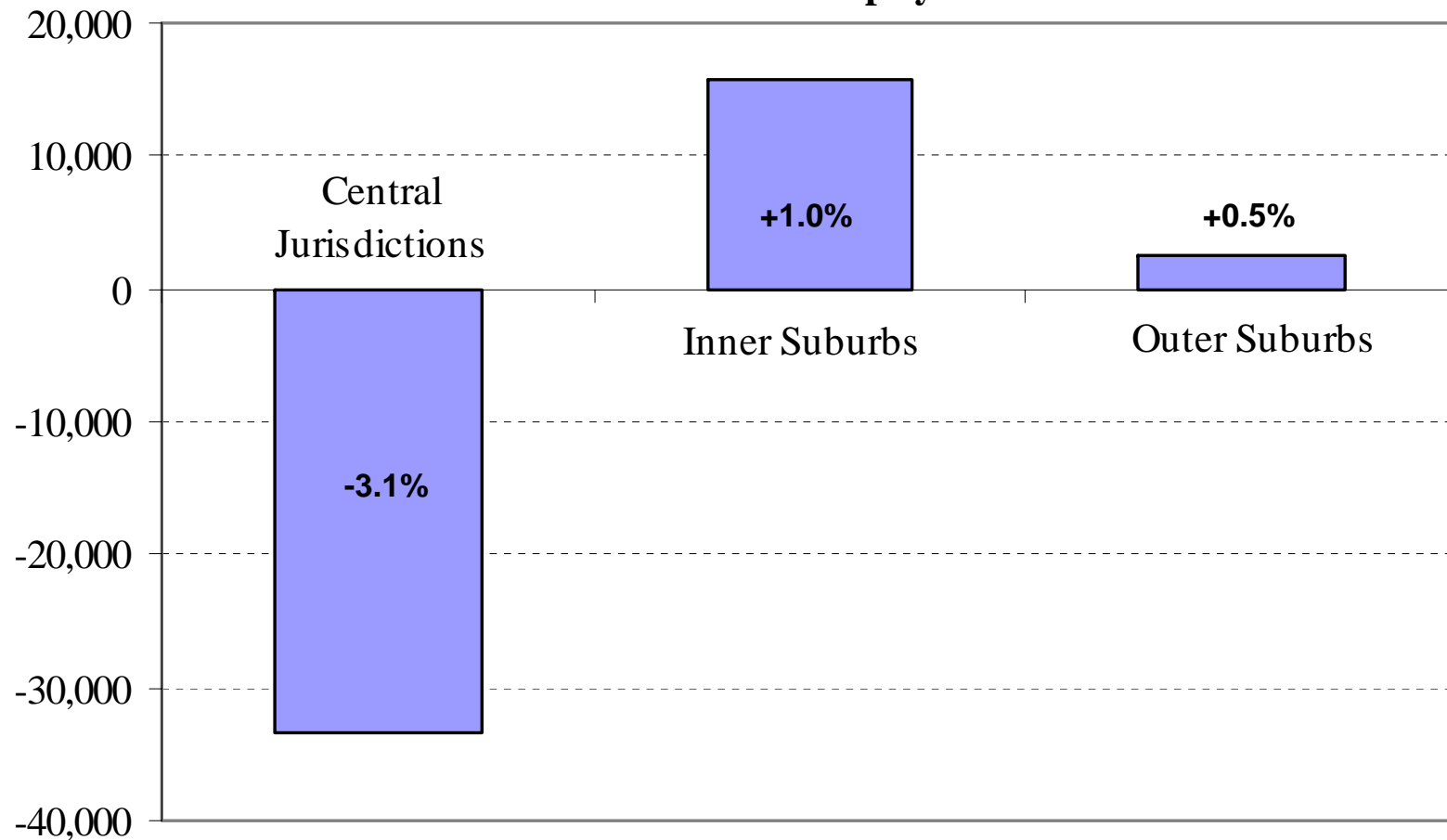
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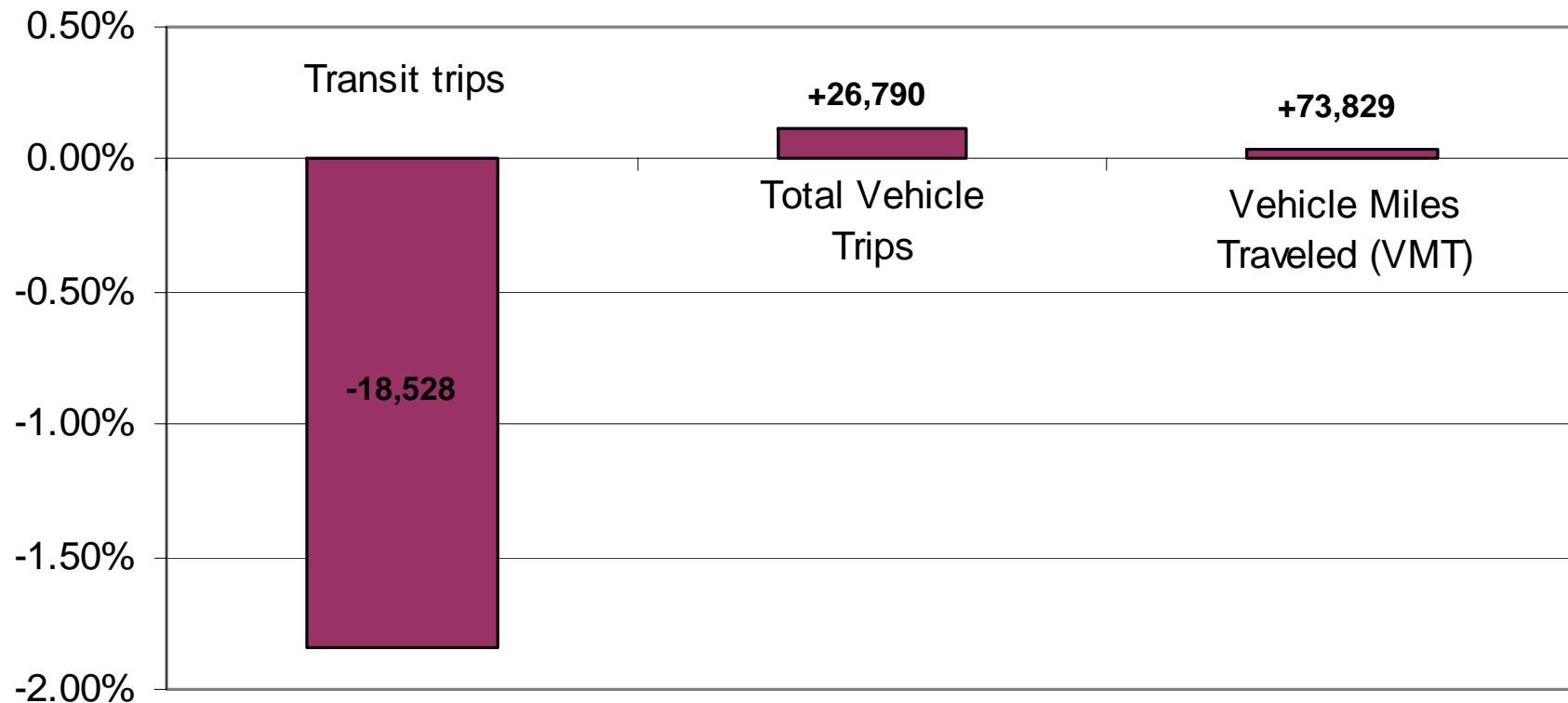
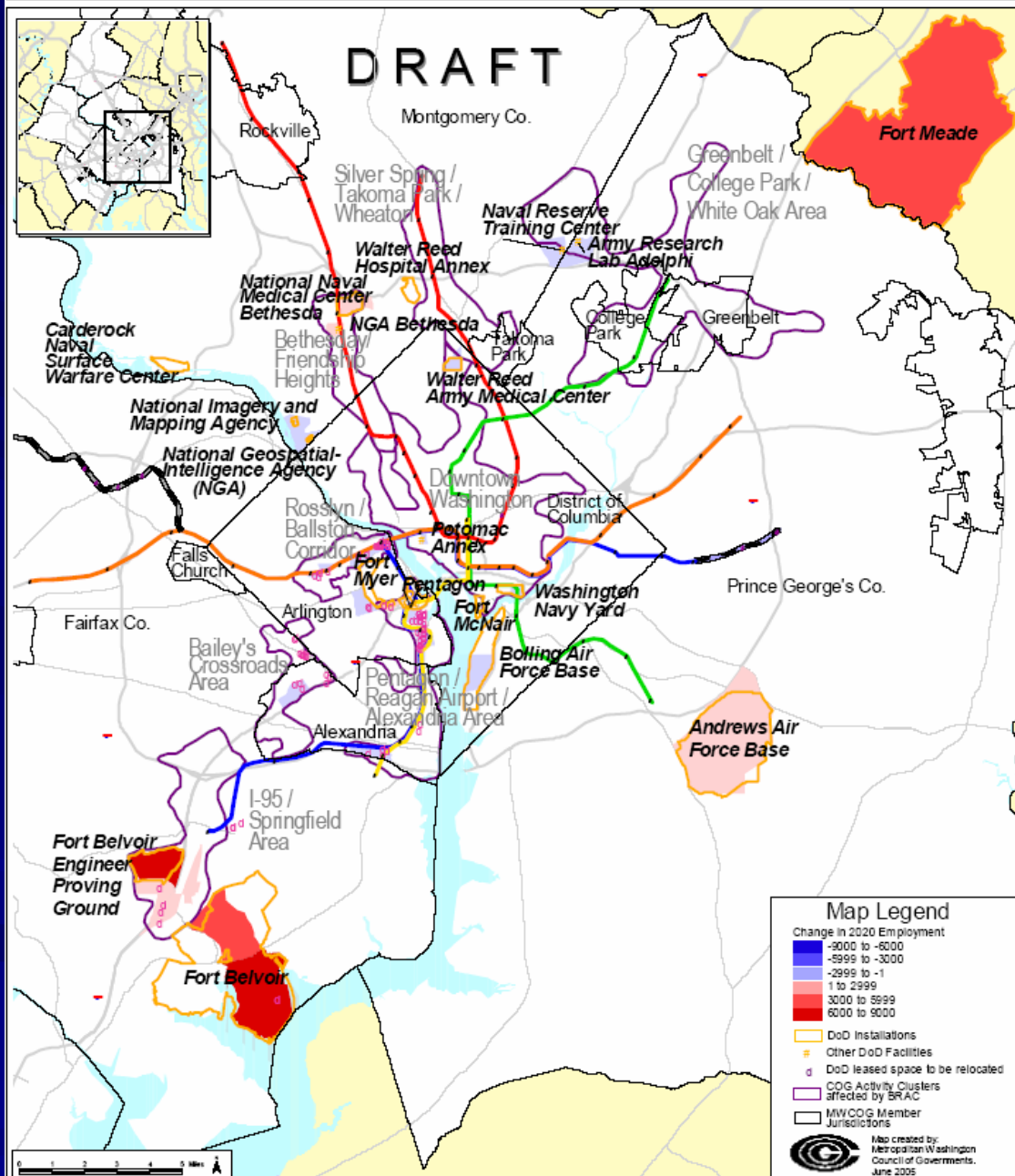


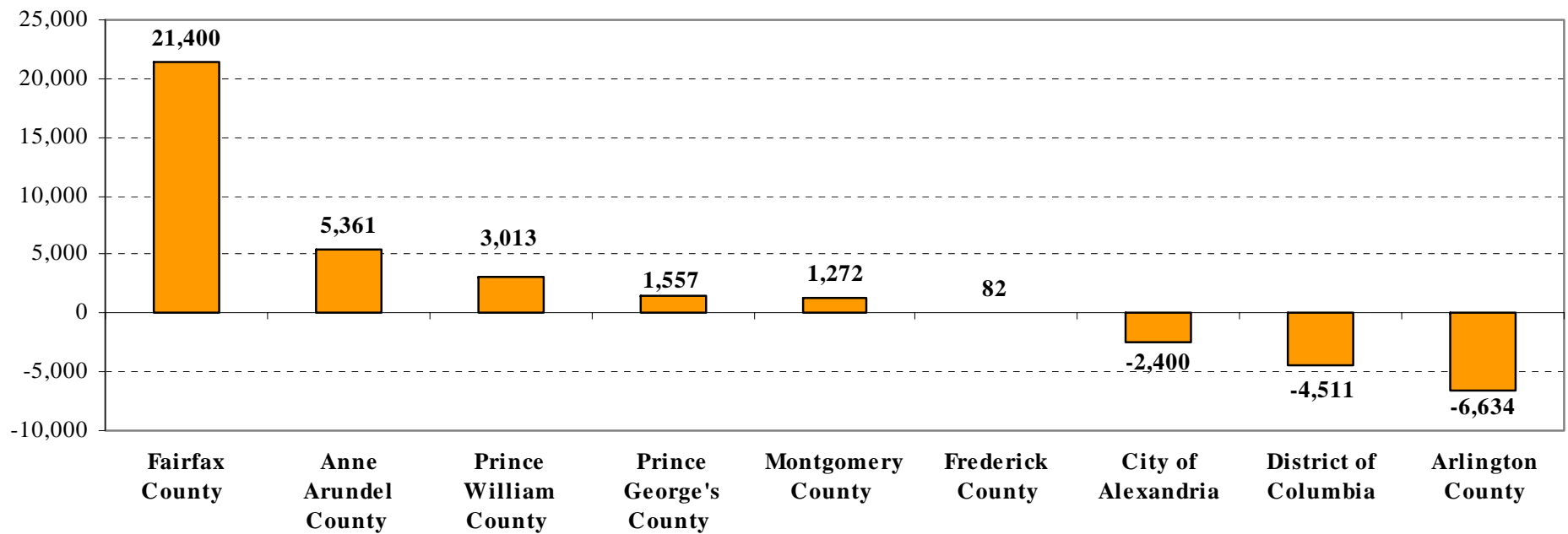
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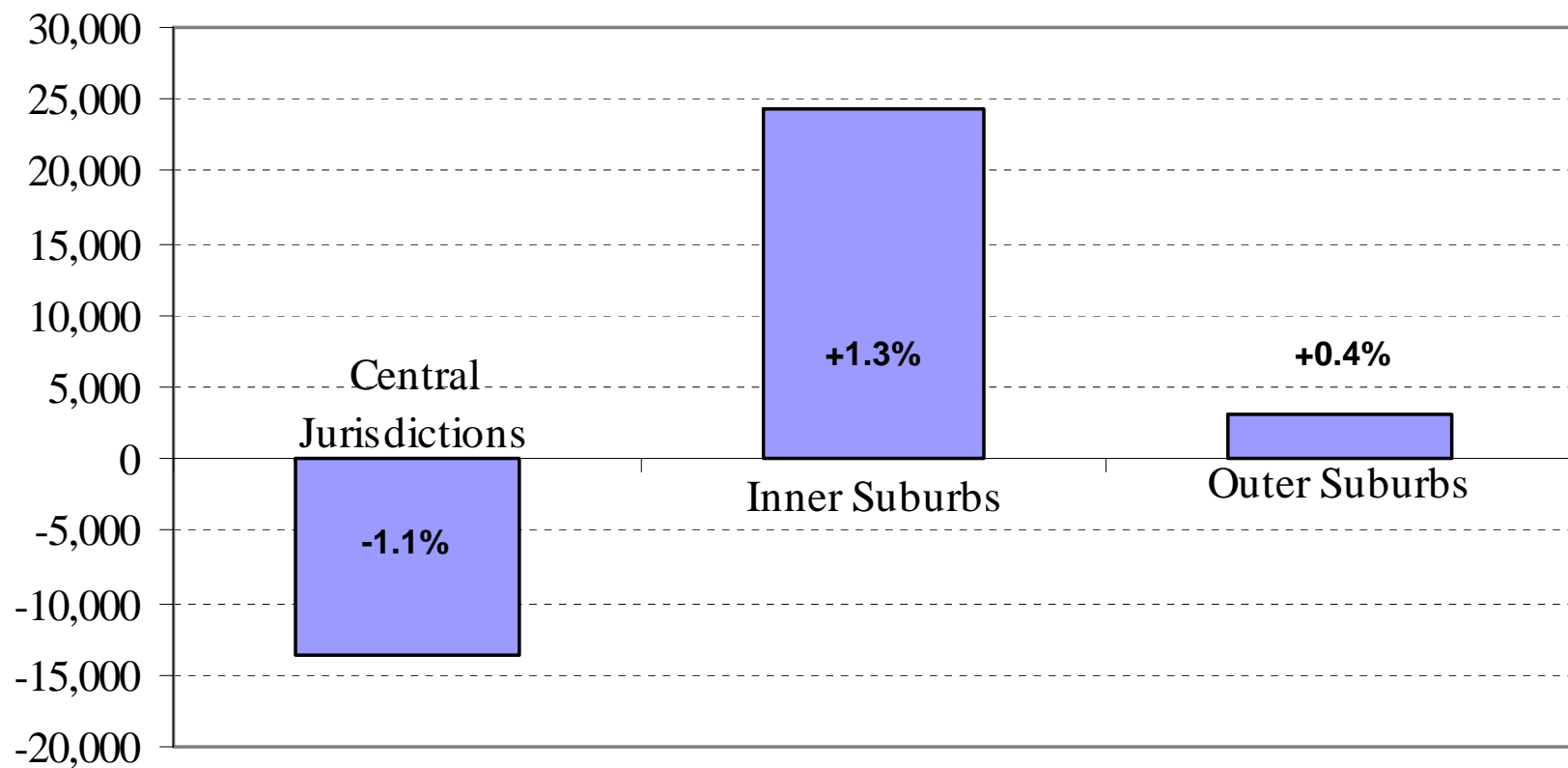
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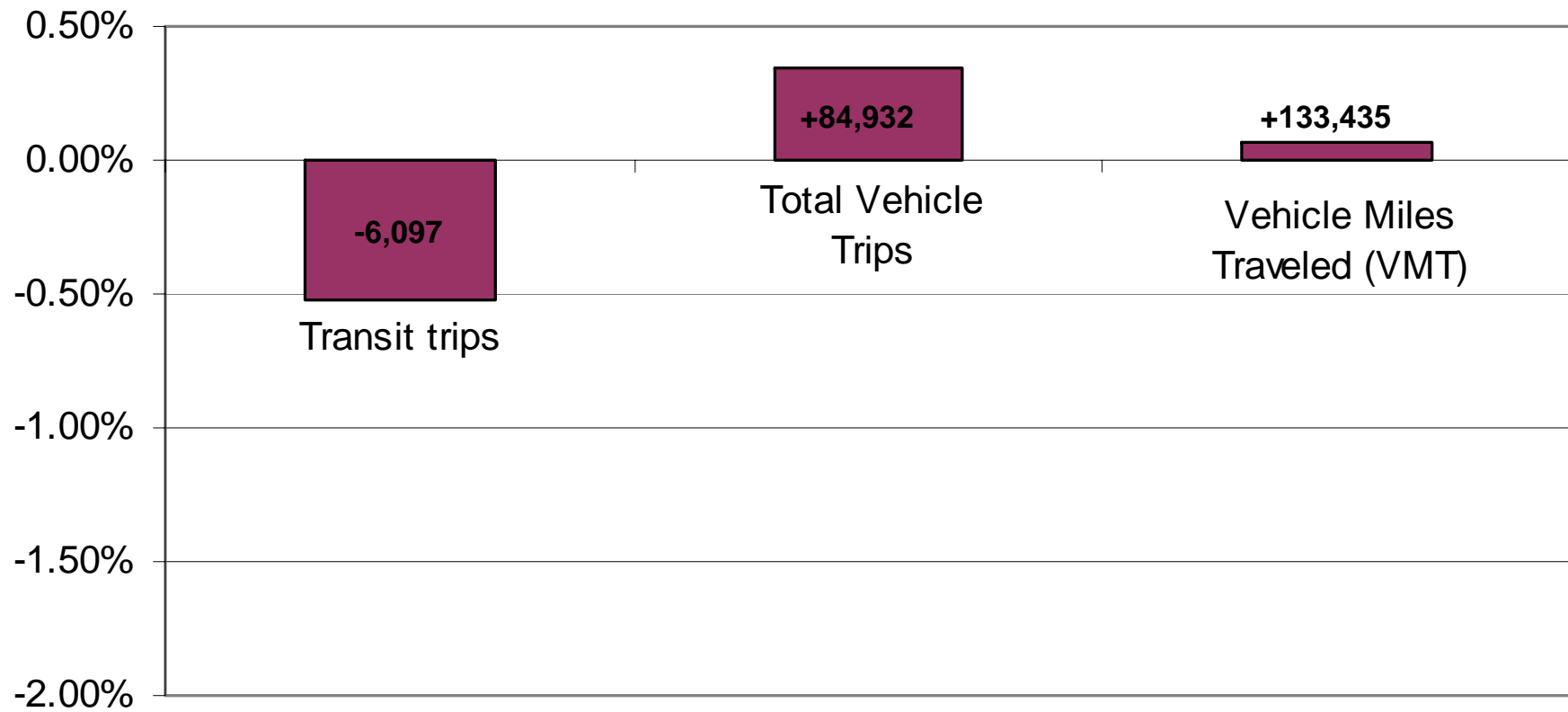
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Final BRAC Commission National Recommendations

"Of the 190 DoD recommendations, the Commission approved 119 with no change and accepted another 45 with amendments; over 86% of those approved by DoD. The Commission rejected 13 DoD recommendations in their entirety, significantly modified another 13, and made five additional closure or realignment recommendations on its own initiative. Of DoD's recommended 33 "major" closures, the Commission approved 21, recommended realignment for seven, and rejected five. In addition, it recommended one for closure rather than realignment for a total of 22 major closures.

... The President may approve the report and send it to the Congress, reject the report, or return the report to the Commission once for revisions. The report becomes law unless Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval within 45 days of receiving the BRAC report from the President."

■ report of BRAC Commission, September 8, 2005

Significant BRAC Commission Changes* to Initial Recommendations for the Washington Region (Agencies Retained / Not Re-Aligned)

■ Arlington County

- *Office of Naval Research*
- *Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)*
- *Army Research Office*
- *Air Force Office of Scientific Research*

■ Fairfax County

- *Army Night Vision Laboratory*
- *Defense Threat Reduction Agency*

**It is estimated that approximately 90 to 95 percent of initial BRAC recommendations for the Washington region were approved*

COG BRAC Impacts – Next Steps

- **September 15** - The President approved the final BRAC Commission recommendations with no changes and forwarded the report to Congress.
- **Congress has 45 days, or until the adjournment of Congress, to disapprove the recommendations in entirety.**

COG BRAC Impacts – Next Steps

- Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) and Metropolitan Development Policy Committee monitor final Presidential and Congressional actions on BRAC Report
- PDTAC and MDPC consider scheduling presentations on BRAC plans from
 - Army / Ft. Belvoir BRAC planning staff
 - Fairfax County Planning and / or Economic Development staff
 - Arlington County Planning and / or Economic Development staff
- PDTAC members determine the need to modify their Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts and Regional Activity Centers based upon final BRAC actions

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