

Gail Payne

From: Kenneth Tong <kennethtongkt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Lara Weisiger
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mecartney/Island Drive roundabout

My input on changing to a roundabout:

I do not think a roundabout would work to solve the current traffic issue. A roundabout would make this busy intersection unsafe for bikes and pedestrians since visibility could be harder (including at times where the Sun is setting or rising), while there's no stop but probably a yield to enter the roundabout.

A stop before entering the roundabout would not resolve the traffic issue as it'll only add to the traffic situation making it doubly harder for traffic to clear that intersection.

I do not know if a traffic signal would make it better either since it'll slow down traffic clearing as well, though it would make it safer for pedestrians and bikes.

- Kenneth

Gail Payne

From: Lara Weisiger
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Gail Payne
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Island/Mecartney roundabout

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From: Karen shops [mailto:kshoppes@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Island/Mecartney roundabout

Hello,

I wasn't able to join the Zoom discussion on the proposed roundabout at the Island/Mecartney intersection but I want to object to the proposal.

I frequently drive through the Pleasant Hill/Olympic roundabout in Lafayette and it works very well. I like roundabouts and at that intersection it is appropriate.

The proposed roundabout on Bay Farm isn't necessary nor appropriate for that intersection. Traffic moves through that four way stop efficiently and does not need fixing or changing. I travel that intersection multiple times a day including high traffic commute hours with ease.

The intersection in Lafayette is much smaller and easier for pedestrians. The Bay Farm intersection is much larger and it would not make it easier for pedestrians to cross.

This seems like a proposal for change with no real problem to fix. I strongly object to the proposed roundabout.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Karen Magnuson
510-409-0235

sent from Karen's iPhone

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From: Lara Weisiger
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Gail Payne
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] roundabout

From: abockis@comcast.net [mailto:abockis@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:53 PM
To: Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] roundabout

Hi City Clerk,

Would you be kind enough to forward this message to the transportation commission.

I don't feel that we need to have a round about at Island Drive and Mecartney.

Even during the commute hours, the traffic seems to flow smoothly. Plus we have the school guards to help with the children as well as others. As far as I know that there has never been a casualty at that intersection.

My biggest concern is the speeders on Mecartney, 40 mph seems to be the norm--coming and going to ferry and business park.

lets work on that.

Thank you--Anda Bockis, Normandy HA.

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From: Lara Weisiger
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Gail Payne
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Transportation Commission Educational Presentation on round-abouts in AlamedaTrTr

From: Patricia Gannon [mailto:pg3187@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:11 AM
To: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transportation Commission Educational Presentation on round-abouts in AlamedaTrTr

Hi, Lara:

Could you please forward this to the Transportaton Commission for this evening's meeting.
thank you very much.
Pat Gannon3197@gmail.com

Chairperson

Dear Chairperson:

On January 27, 2021, the Transportation Commission will host a presentation on round-abouts throughout Alameda. My first question is "Why?" Many intersections have lights, stop signs or flashing lights which serve as a warning to drivers to slow down. One of the intersections being considered for a round-about is Mecartney at Island Drive. This is a busy and wide intersection with a lot of automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians, including a 4-way boulevard stop.

To convert this to a round-about would be a major infrastructure project which would be very expensive and disrupt traffic in many directions. Many school children use this intersection to attend BayFarm and Earhart Schools, Bay Farm residents are accustomed to walking to CVS and Safeway and other establishments at the HBI Shopping Center. And many seniors cross this intersection enroute to the lagoons to exercise and experience nature. I am concerned with how children, seniors and bicyclists will navigate this intersection while dealing with moving traffic which will not stop.

I hope that the Commission will address these issues this evening.

Pat Gannon@gmail.com

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From: Lara Weisiger
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Gail Payne
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Please forward to Transportation Commission for 1/27/21 meetin

From: Reyla Graber [mailto:reylagraber@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please forward to Transportation Commission for 1/27/21 meetin

Dear Transportation Commission:

I understand you are considering a Roundabout installation at the intersection of Mecartney and Island Drive on Bay Farm Island.

While Roundabouts may be alright for some intersections in Alameda, this intersection should not be changed: We have a lot of elderly persons using that intersection; also disabled and also many school children, considering the close by elementary school.

Additionally, particularly at commute times, the cars are moving very fast on both Island and Mecartney. Now, the stop signs stop the cars which is good as it gives the pedestrians an opportunity to cross safely. If a Roundabout is put in there, it seems only common sense, that it will increase the danger for pedestrians, as cars will moving fast, then slowing down(not stopping) and the drivers will be looking ahead to see how fast they can enter the roundabout.

Why would you even consider a Roundabout there? Is it "free" grant money? Then may I suggest that the City spends it on more worthwhile street projects,

If there is a problem in that intersection, then put in a signal. That is the safest for everyone.

Or cheaper yet,just put in pedestrian lights.

I've read several large studies which report that pedestrian injuries increase substantially after Roundabouts are put in. For that reason alone, this is not a good place to put a Roundabout.

Nor is it necessary, as the traffic is rather mild there except for commute times.

Sincerely,

Reyla Graber

Alameda resident

Gail Payne

From: Marian Breitbart <mbreitbart@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Lara Weisiger
Cc: Reyla Graber
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roundabout Intersection Mccartney and Island

Hi,

Can you please tell me how this proposal impacts pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Thanks

Gail Payne

From: Skip Hutchison <skipperhutchison@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Lara Weisiger
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roundabout at Mecartney/Island Drive

I live on Bay Farm. I am opposed to a Roundabout at Mecartney/Island Drive. Roundabouts are confusing, especially to most American drivers. Hard to know when to go and how to get off. Hard to determine whose turn it is.

The four way stop at that intersection is fine as it is. If you want to make it safer, put in traffic lights (but I would think that would slow the flow of traffic too much at rush hours and then be a bother when traffic is light).

So NO please no Roundabout.

James Hutchison
Bay Farm resident since 1991.

Gail Payne

From: Stephanie Brochier <allan.steff@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Lara Weisiger
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Round About Intersection at Mecartney and Island Drive

I was shocked to hear that the City of Alameda is proposing a Roundabout at the intersection of Mecartney Road and Island Drive. In my hometown of Elk Grove, CA they have installed many of these Roundabouts in the newer developments and they are dangerous. I myself have seen many people almost get into a wreck in these intersections and my brother who lives there says there are many accidents within them. He has also stated that once vehicles pass through them they then speed up beyond the speed limit as a response to these intersections deterring their path of travel. My experience in them is that vehicles trying to enter them have a hard time getting into them with traffic quickly trying to get through them, and I have witnessed vehicles having to slam their breaks on because of other vehicles trying to enter losing their patience and not judging the distance of vehicles already in the roundabout. This is already a wide intersection with ample room for turning and continuing straight. In addition how would the fire trucks be able to maneuver these round about areas and respond quickly to calls? The only time of day that this intersection is busy is during commute times when the ferry is running at the Harbor Bay Terminal. In addition, pedestrians have a difficult time crossing the intersections with these type of roundabouts. In addition the stop signs currently at this intersection require traffic to be at a **complete stop** for pedestrians and cross traffic to proceed safely.

To date I am not aware of a high occurrence of accidents at this intersection. In addition who would bear the cost of this project which is not considered an improvement by many of us in Harbor Bay. In the past there was talk of constructing housing at the Harbor Bay Shopping Center, which would only harm our quality of life at Harbor Bay and Bay Farm, which were designed to provide amenities within a community of neighbors to use and enjoy that are not part of the main island. And now you are proposing a Roundabout that will cause more issues for those of us that live here?

I ask that the city council and planning dept. truly consider the pitfalls of this proposal before it causes issues at this intersection.

Thank you,
Stephanie Brochier
21 Steuben Bay
Alameda, CA

Gail Payne

From: Tom Cipriano <tomcip49@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 12:20 AM
To: Lara Weisiger
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roundabout on Bay Farm

There is no need for a roundabout on Island Dr. Traffic flows smoothly now. No matter what time of day, I have never had a problem.

It seems that you are just looking for another project to spend money on. Spend it on something that is useful, not something that is dreamed up on order to spend money. I believe that it will only cause more accidents here.

Thomas Cipriano
3527 Oleander Ave.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10