



Roundabout Rendering & Site Plans



Frequent Misconceptions about the Roundabouts

- 1) "The Lancaster Towers Residents will not be able to cross the street with roundabouts."**

This project is adding a mid-block crossing directly in front of the Lancaster Towers. It will have a pedestrian activated flashing sign that can be used by pedestrians. When the sign is activated flashing lights notify motorists that a pedestrian is crossing. This will make it safer to cross the street than it is today.
- 2) "You say you want to slow down traffic, but without stopping you are speeding it up."**

Roundabouts are created to intentionally slow the rate of speed that a vehicle is traveling. Roundabouts create a constant flow of traffic at a slower rate of speed, which is safer than cars driving quickly through intersections and safer than having cars stop and go, which often leads to distracted driving.
- 3) "It doesn't seem like there is enough room for roundabouts."**

The engineers have designed the roundabouts to be of comparable size to the roundabouts in the Village of Hamburg – they are engineered to fit in both intersections.
- 4) "This project will kill the small businesses in the Village."**

Throughout this project the small businesses will be met with on a weekly basis, making sure that their needs and concerns are met. The Village is committed to working to help our small businesses through the construction phase and look forward to the expansion of the Central Business District.
- 5) "Fire trucks, buses and large trucks won't fit through the roundabouts."**

The center of the roundabout has a mountable curb to accommodate any large vehicles. This project has been studied by the heads of the LFD, LPD and LVAC with no concerns about the ability to navigate through the roundabout.



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\$0 Village Tax Impact to Local Residents for Roundabouts!

The Village of Lancaster received an initial \$3.1 million dollars to fund this project from the CMAQ grant to be used for congestion mitigation and air quality control. In recent developments, the Village of Lancaster has been awarded an additional \$2.5 million in funding from the Senator Gallivan’s office, bringing our total grant awards for economic development to over \$8 million dollars. This new coverage will cover the 20 % match so this project is complete funded *without placing any financial burden on local tax payers.*

Facts

- The \$3.1 million in CMAQ grant funding can only be used for congestion mitigation & air quality control & cannot be allocated to any other project.
- The roundabouts will enhance the character of the historic district & the center of the roundabout will beautify the area.
- There will be an activated beacon signal at a crosswalk that is going to be added at the Lancaster Towers to make it safer for those residents to cross the street in front of their building. There will also be bump outs to make the road narrower at the point of crossing.
- School Buses, Fire Trucks, Snow Plows, Tractor Trailers & large vehicles will fit through the roundabout because each includes a mountable center island.

What if this project doesn’t happen?

- The Village would lose millions of dollars in funding.
- The Village would be responsible for \$400,000 in design and engineering fees with nothing to show for it.
- The village would have a hard time receiving any grant funding in the future, because we failed to complete a feasible and needed project.
- The Village would lose the opportunity to truly improve our community.

We understand this is a busy time. However, this project has been contentious, and it is important to hear from as many residents as possible so that we can have feedback from the broader community. Thank you for your interest in the future of Lancaster.

The enclosed survey can be completed and mailed back to the Village Clerk at the Municipal Building, 5423 Broadway Street, Lancaster, NY, 14086. The survey is also available at this link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYXWTH.

Deadline is August 10, 2020

Please mail your survey separately from your sewer payment.

If you have not filled out a Roundabout Survey yet, please turn to the next page. Please do not complete again if you have previously completed via paper or our website.

Proposed Timeline for the Roundabout Project

The Village aims to complete the design & receive bids for constructing the two roundabouts on Pleasant Avenue West at Central Avenue and at North Aurora Street by September 2021, with construction to be completed in 2022. The concept calls for two roundabouts that can accommodate all vehicles to be part of a new complete street design for Pleasant Avenue West that includes a landscaped center median, bicycle lanes, and parking at the west end of the street. The Village of Lancaster believes that advancing the roundabouts project will help the long-term sustainability of the central business district. Construction phasing will be developed to minimize impacts to businesses and travel routes, & the finished project will reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions and improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. Combined with the Lancaster Village Center development, the project will make Downtown Lancaster an attractive place to shop, stroll & stay.



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- (1) Thank you so much for your input! If you wish to stay informed or get involved with the project, please provide your contact details below.**

Name

Address/Affiliation

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

- (2) What do you like about the project design?**

- (3) What would you change about the project**



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(4) What, according to you, are the most important design elements to support the project goals of economic revitalization, safety, and improving air quality? (select all that apply)

Landscaped center median

Bicycle lanes

Parking at the west end of the street Pedestrian Safety

Other (please specify)

(5) What is your biggest concern about construction? (select all that apply)

Noise

Dust

Traffic detours

Impact to local business

Other (please specify)

(6) Do you have any additional feedback for the project team?