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To: Planning

Subject: feedback on Geddes roundabouts

Hello Commissioners,

I occasionally follow the planning commission's activities as covered in the Ann Arbor Chronicle. I read there that Commissioner Woods recently asked about the roundabout at US-23 and Geddes. I use Geddes when traveling between U-M and WCC, and I think the roundabouts are great. The yield system is based on a simple rule -- look left and yield to those already in the roundabout, and I rarely have to wait long to move into and through the intersection.

I often think of how efficient these roundabouts are when I am sitting at a red light at some other intersection and waiting for the light to change -- meanwhile traffic in other directions has died down and it seems like I'm waiting for nothing. That can be rather frustrating. I hope more roundabouts will be developed in the Ann Arbor area over time. Maybe the Washtenaw corridor if the improvement district comes to pass?

Regards,

Phil Ray