



ROUNDABOUTS IN LOS CERRITOS

Roundabout *noun* /'roundə,bout/: a road junction in which traffic streams circulate around a central island.

The original traffic light/bike lanes plan for our Los Cerritos neighborhood did not include roundabouts. After going door-to-door in late September and early October, several of us were hearing from residents on Pacific about their concern for “through traffic” and the speed of traffic. Yes, there are many stop signs on Pacific, but the blocks are long and vehicles can accelerate very quickly.

The Traffic Division of the city answered our concerns (LCNA) by suggesting roundabouts. This is how it all started. The objective was to discourage through traffic, visually and with a barrier. Hopefully a driver would only cut through our neighborhood once and decide that Long Beach Blvd. would be faster!

Please read the below and the drawings on page 2 and consider if roundabouts would be an improvement on Bixby/Pacific and Pacific/36th/Country Club.

Pros:

- * Proven to slow down traffic.
- * Can resolve sight line issues since they require additional driver attention.
- * Can resolve difficult road geometry.
- * May add street beautification, if properly landscaped and maintained.

Cons:

- * High initial cost to build.
- * Requires long-term vegetation management to maintain sight lines.
- * Emergency vehicles and most trucks could navigate the roundabout. Long, large trucks might have difficulty rotating around the roundabout for a left turn.

Also note that the proposed roundabout at 36th/Pacific/Country Club would take up residential parking on Pacific. The LCNA is informed that the design of this particular intersection is still on “the drawing board.”

An e-mail survey to the neighborhood will be published soon.

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