

Paul Foley

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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

First of all, I am in favor of the Stop and Shop expansion in Edgartown. In my opinion, it is important for the community to retain a market within the village. It is part of the village culture and ambiance, along with the post office, library, school, etc. That being said, I do have a concern about the traffic on Upper Main Street.

It has been my observation(along with many others) that traffic moves very slowly between the Triangle merge and Stop and Shop. Once Stop and Shop is passed, the traffic moves along again at a reasonable pace. It seems apparent that while the Triangle merge supplies additional vehicles, the real bottle neck is at Pinehurst and the Stop and Shop entrances. I know various solutions are being considered. I would like to offer the idea of a small roundabout in that location. The circle would need to be skewed into the Stop and Shop parking area in order to accommodate Pinehurst and the businesses on that side. However, by moving the circle toward S&S, there would be enough room for the roundabout. The roundabout can be smaller than the one at the "blinker". Traffic is moving much slower. Main Street would need to be realigned slightly to accommodate vehicles coming from and going into town. The center can be designed lower to accommodate overrun by large trucks, if necessary.

There are many configurations of roundabouts, some with lanes turning off, even before the circle. While a small single lane circle seems sufficient for this application, other configurations, designed by experts, may work even better. In the area where I lived previously very creative solutions for roundabout were developed and alleviated traffic problems in every case.

I cannot attend the meeting on Oct 19, 2017. I would appreciate my letter to be read into the record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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