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We need a roundabout at Five Corners.

We also need one at the intersection of Edgartown Road and State Road at Look Street.

And the bottleneck at the Edgartown triangle.

And another one is seriously needed at the intersection of State Road and County Road in West Tisbury.

And certainly traffic would flow faster and a lot more safely if we had a roundabout at Main Street and State Road in Vineyard Haven.

And absolutely for both intersections at either end of Circuit Ave.

And then, we build a gorgeous four or six lane seven mile bridge to get rid of the horrible steamship congestion in getting on and off the boats. It would also eliminate the expensive boat fares, inconvenient scheduling, etc. Casinos, anyone? And oh, to hell with preservation, environmentalism – are the damned moths and rare plants all that important? Get real!

After that, we can start filling in the land gap between the island and the mainland so that good highways and strip malls can be made available to all on both sides.

Lastly, we can tell our children and our children's children tales of the lost island of Martha's Vineyard, the once upon a time place of peace and beauty where we lived in harmony with nature naively believing that all change is for the better and that we must do all we can to bring the tourist trade here, to lure the summer money into our pockets no matter what the cost to our standard of living. Think of the nostalgia. -- And that, children, is how the lost land of enchantment -- after the rich and famous left it to find another pristine land to build upon -- became the dirty water row-housing slum of Southern Massachusetts.

Extreme, you say?

Yes, building roundabouts, even just one of them, to accommodate a tourist population for a few weeks out of the year is extreme. Who is responsible for this folly? As they say, "Follow the money." Get the names of those who are behind it and check out their connections.

Wake up, citizens! You can stop this. You can fight it. You can stand up and revolt! You've heard of democracy and of by and for the people? Well, start LIVING it. It's time to demand an EPI – Environmental Impact study. And it's time to put this to an all-island vote.

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I also suggest this excellent article in MVTimes -- <http://www.mvtimes.com/marthas-vineyard/article.php?id=7428>.

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