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I feel very opposed to having a roundabout at the blinker in Oak Bluffs.

For anyone who has ever tried to walk or ride their bike through a roundabout, they know it can be akin to suicide. I have tried to walk through a roundabout and it is something I never wish to do ever again!

I don't care if the experts "claim" that cars have a clear view of pedestrians crossing. Have any of these experts traversed a roundabout on foot? I ask them them to try it sometime.

Drivers need to pay attention to other cars entering and exiting the rotary and may not have enough response time to stop for a pedestrian. Plus there's no option for pedestrians to stop the traffic and safely pass, it's a constant flow that they have to dodge across. If you observe the blinker on any given summer day, you will see many pedestrians and bike riders crossing the intersection. Many are family groups with small children or are people who do not ride bikes on a regular basis. Picture them trying to safely cross through the roundabout traffic and it is just a dangerous situation.

While I feel as far as auto traffic flow the rotary may be a good idea, there seems to be no suggestion as to how foot traffic will negotiate this busy intersection safely. It is a tragic accident waiting to happen. I feel if something need to be changed, then put in lights.

Pedestrians will then have an option to stop the traffic, or cross when the light is red.

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