

## **Email re: Mass DOT Proposal to install a Roundabout (AKA miniature Rotary) at the Intersection of Rt 28 and Chickatawbut Rd in Milton**

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Dear Randolph Town Council Members,

I am writing to let the Randolph Town Council know of Mass DOT's proposal to install a 'Roundabout' at the intersection of Rt. 28 (State Highway) and Chickatawbut Rd (DCR parkway) in Milton. It is my understanding that Mass DOT has not notified the Town of Randolph of his proposal. As you may be aware, many residents of Randolph travel this highway daily (via the MBTA 240 and the 240A bus or private car) to get to their jobs in Boston. I believe that if the roundabout is implemented, it will drastically increase the commute time from Randolph to Boston. I am writing to ask you to request that Mass DOT hold public meetings in Randolph to address this proposal. This proposal probably effects more Randolph residents than Milton residents.

At a recent Milton Select Board Meeting, Mass DOT and their consultants reiterated their plan to install the rotary, aka roundabout. Mass DOT consultants confirmed that the roundabout would reduce throughput on Rt 28 and people who currently use the artery would need to seek alternate routes. They, (Mass DOT Consultant) said that this is an issue that would effect minority populations to the 'south', that I understood to be residents of Randolph, Avon and Brockton. Although Mass DOT admits that this would effect commuters to the south, they have not communicated a solution nor an alternate route. Currently, north bound traffic on Rt 28 backs up into North Randolph each weekday morning. I am concerned that the 'Roundabout', will cause traffic to back up into Randolph center each morning. This proposal will only hurt residents of Randolph who are just trying to get to their jobs in Boston.

The proposed roundabout does not have the support of the Milton Board of Selectpersons, and does not have the support of people who live in this neighborhood. I am writing to make you aware, and I ask you to reach out to Mass DOT so that they can communicate their plans to the Town of Randolph, as so many residents will be affected by this project. Attached is a letter that the Milton Select Board sent to the Secretary of Transportation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

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