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10/25/2015

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Realigning the intersection of Bramble Ave and Plainville Rd would make these side streets dramatically nicer place to live, by improving walking access to nearby businesses and by making turning movement easier for people in cars. Given that there would be impacts to the existing businesses, it would also be my hope that the relevant governments would work with them to achieve the best outcomes.

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October 22, 2015

Hamilton County Transportation  
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RE: Bramble Road Roundabout

To whom it may concern:

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has no opposition to the proposed roundabout on Plainville Road at Bramble Road in Columbia Township.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 513-792-6572.

Respectfully submitted,

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*"Progress Through Cooperation."*

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Hamilton County Transportation  
Improvement District

Re: Proposed roundabout at Plainville Rd. and Bramble Ave.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding to a request by Michael Lemon, Administrator of Columbia Township, regarding the Little Miami Joint Fire District's (LMFR) opinion of a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Plainville Road and Bramble Avenue. Mr. Lemon and I had a phone conversation about the project proposal where he asked if a roundabout would impose a hindrance to any emergency vehicle responding to the Columbia Township area via a "future" roundabout. I told Mr. Lemon that roundabouts can be found within the Hamilton County and Clermont County areas. I would assume that local fire departments that travel via a roundabout were made aware of the construction to ensure safe travel and played an essential role in those projects.

Additionally, I told Mr. Lemon that there are two main issues and they are as follows:

- Information regarding the lengths and turning radius of fire department apparatus must be obtained from our fire district and neighboring districts as part of the engineering design of the roundabout.
- Vehicles must be able to navigate safely through and in a manner that would not hinder response time to our fire district and/or neighboring districts.

If these issues can be ensured the LMFR District would support the proposal of a roundabout. However, LMFR must be part of the planning process and informed throughout its development. If you are in need of any further information please feel free to call or email.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Ramsey, Fire Chief  
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