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3+ years ago, before we moved from Shadow Ridge, back to Bucks County, I suggested to the DOT why roundabouts were not going to work. First, doing so would probably take 6-8 years, as slowly as they get projects done. Which would tie up traffic and hurt what businesses are along the 222 business route. Second, As it is now when someone tries to enter onto 222 business route and is entering from any of the side roads not handled by a roundabout, they can wait until there is a break in traffic, caused by red lights from either direction and enter 222. When they add roundabouts, there will be NO breaks in the traffic flow because the roundabouts will keep the traffic flowing. Fourth, The main problem is Traffic Volume! Roundabouts will NOT reduce traffic flow! It will still be the problem. Fith, If Pa Dept. of Transportation wants to REALLY solve the problem, they need to design a continuation of the Kutztown Bypass, to the West of the existing 222, come down through mostly open land, get to Maiden Creek Rd., (a state road) come East of Lake Ontelaunte and connect to the existing 222 Bypass which goes West. This would be more expensive, yes. But it would avoid 6-8 years of total inconvenience to the existing 2-lane Rte. 222 and disruption of the businesses there which would still not solve the volume problem.. When the new 4 lane expressway is finished, it would handle most of the truck and passthrough traffic between Lehigh Valley and the Reading area, (and on through to Lancaster County and West) When finished, there would be TWO roads! One for the large volume of traffic. and one for Local traffic. Does this make sense to anyone else in Maiden creek Twp. and surrounding areas? Maybe this proposal could be brought up when addressing the Maiden creek Resolution. Thanks, A former Shadow Ridger, Norm Burke

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