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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

November 13, 2012

Ms. Diane Hollenbach
Maidencreek Township
One Quarry Road
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Blandon, PA 19510

Dear Ms. Hollenbach:

This is in response to your October 15, 2012, correspondence regarding your recently adopted resolution of the installation of a roundabout on State Route (SR) 222 and Tamarack Boulevard in Maidencreek Township, Berks County.

First, let me say that we certainly understand there is reluctance to adopt new technology; however, roundabouts are being used all over the county with extraordinary success.

Roundabouts have been demonstrated to provide a number of safety, operational, and other benefits when compared to other types of intersections. Specifically, they have fewer conflict points, lower speed, and have been found to reduce crashes, traffic delays, fuel consumption and air pollution.

Roundabouts also must be considered as an alternative for intersections on federally funded highway projects that involve new construction or reconstruction. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) promotes the consideration and implementation of roundabouts as one of nine (9) proven safety countermeasures. <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/>

Our Consultant Project Manager Michael P. Mastaglio, will be contacting you to arrange a meeting to discuss the SR 222 and SR 73 intersection improvement project in more detail and ensure we understand all of your concerns.

Thank you for your continued interest in our transportation system. Should you require any additional information, please contact the District Executive Michael W. Rebert, P.E., Engineering District 5-0, at (610) 871-4551.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry J. Schoch".

Barry J. Schoch, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation

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