

May 14, 2024

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Iowa Department of Transportation
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RE: City of Adel, Iowa's Support for a Roundabout on U.S. 169 near New ADM High School and Southbridge Commons Place Drive

Dear Assistant District Engineer Mayberry,

On behalf of the City of Adel and the Adel City Council, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of a roundabout on U.S. HWY 169 in Adel between the ADM School District's new high school and the Southbridge Commons commercial district at Common Place drive.

This intersection improvement is critical and necessary for access to the anticipated August 2027 new high school. This high school's impact will increase commercial projects and traffic in the Southbridge Commons subdivision and in the overall Southbridge residential areas.

As you may know, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, roundabouts can improve safety, promote traffic calming, lower speeds, improve operational performance, and reduce conflict points.

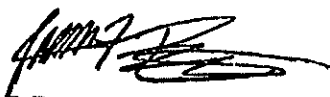
A roundabout here will help drivers understand the importance of transitioning from a rural highway speeding environment (i.e., south of Adel) to a growing urban environment that needs lower speeds.

From 2013 to 2024, over 700 new homes were developed roughly one mile away from this intersection. Another 100+ vacant residential lots are open now, with another 100 acres being planned for by the Southbridge developer.

A roundabout in this area will complement the increased opportunities of the City of Adel's commercial and residential areas, let alone the ADM School District's new high school amenities.

For these reasons and more, the City of Adel fully supports a roundabout on U.S. HWY 169 here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James F. Peters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James F. Peters
Mayor