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Preliminary Concept Design Single Lane Roundabout
On-Line Open House Summary

Project #: 21919

INTRODUCTION

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the City of Kalispell have been evaluating options to improve the intersection of 2nd Street East/Conrad Drive and Woodland Avenue. The two primary goals of the project are to:

- Improve safety for all roadway users including people walking and riding bikes
- Minimize impacts to adjacent properties

Based on an analysis, MDT has determined that the safest and most efficient way to reduce the number and severity of crashes is to use a small single-lane roundabout. Several factors went into the decision to move forward with the small single lane roundabout:

- It improves safety for all road users (vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists).
- The roundabout fits within the existing intersection footprint minimizing impacts to adjacent properties including the Conrad Mansion, Woodland Park and multiple single family homes.
- It is a cost-effective investment that will last far into the future. The roundabout will efficiently handle traffic volumes for the next 20 years without additional investments.

MDT held a public outreach event from September 11 to October 9, 2020 to present the preliminary concept design to the public, agencies, adjacent property owners, and businesses for feedback. A brief project history is presented below, followed by a summary of the on-line open house event to present the roundabout concept.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Kalispell has seen 15.7 percent population growth between 2010 and 2017 and the intersection continues to see an increase in vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians and cyclists. It serves:

- Adjacent neighborhoods
- Commuter traffic
- Local businesses
- Woodland Park and its popular swimming pool

- Heritage Park
- Woodland Montessori School
- Cornelius Hedges Elementary School
- Conrad Mansion Museum

The current intersection configuration does not work as well as it used to when traffic volumes were lower. A study of crash trends indicates a growing concern and by planning now, MDT's goal is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes. Safety for all roadway users is a priority for MDT. Key intersection improvements focus on:

- Improving sight distances (ability to easily see on-coming cars to avoid colliding with them) at all approaches to the intersection.
- Maintaining a 25 MPH speed limit – this is a residential neighborhood with parks and schools.
- Improving driver expectations. Allowing a continuous through movement for westbound traffic coming up the hill on Conrad Drive, while the other 3 legs of the intersection must stop, is an unusual traffic pattern. Drivers are more apt to make a mistake, not realizing the Conrad Drive traffic does not have to stop.
- Considering the uphill grade on Conrad Drive so westbound vehicles do not get stuck or slide down the hill during extreme winter conditions.
- Providing improved pedestrian crossings.
- Fitting the improvements within the public right-of-way footprint to avoid impacts to adjacent properties, to the extent possible.

An open house was held on October 28, 2019 at the Kalispell City Hall Council Chambers to introduce the project and provide the public an opportunity to meet with MDT, the City of Kalispell and the design team to provide feedback.

- 20 people signed in and provided comments at the Open House
- Additionally, 33 individuals submitted feedback via comment forms, e-mails and phone calls

Based on initial feedback, most people agreed that something needs to be done at this intersection; however, they disagree on the solution. As an example, the City of Kalispell and MDT noted that a small, single lane roundabout was being evaluated as one potential solution to improve intersection safety. The feedback on a roundabout was mixed with some very opposed to it and others more open to the possibility. Common concerns are summarized below:

- Any improvement will have to address Conrad Drive traffic (westbound) coming up the hill during the winter. If vehicles are required to stop on the hill, they can get stuck or slide back down. Many felt a roundabout would be problematic for vehicles coming up the hill during winter conditions.
- The existing intersection traffic pattern is confusing.
- It is difficult to see on-coming traffic. Sight distances need to be improved.
- The intersection design should support and promote safe and visible pedestrian access.
- People are speeding down Woodland Avenue.
- Cost of the improvements.

A presentation to City Council was also given on October 28, 2019 and open to the public.

ROUNDABOUT PRELIMINARY CONCEPT DESIGN ON-LINE OPEN HOUSE

In an effort to maintain social distancing practices, while also keeping the community informed about the project, MDT hosted a virtual open house from September 11 to October 9, 2020 to present the preliminary concept design of the roundabout. The community had the opportunity to go online at their convenience to learn more about the project, view the design and provide comments. All materials were reviewed by Big Sky Public Relations prior to publication.

Notification Process

MDT used a variety of methods to inform the public and adjacent property owners/businesses about the project, who to contact for more information and how to access the on-line open house at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/woodland/>

- 51 certified letters with a project fact sheet were sent to adjacent property owners in the vicinity of the intersection
- 1,124 fact sheets were mailed to area residents
- A press release was distributed to local media and elected officials

Statistics

- The on-line open house was visited 226 times
- The virtual simulation video of the proposed roundabout, accessible through the on-line open house, was viewed 128 times during public comment period
- 41 comments were received via the on-line open house, phone calls and direct e-mail/and general mail

Comment Summary

In summary, those in favor of the roundabout cited improved safety for all modes, slower speeds, improved traffic flow, and an improvement pedestrian environment. There were two overarching themes from those who did not support a roundabout.

- A roundabout may require westbound vehicles to stop on the Conrad Hill and during winter icy conditions resulting in more vehicles getting stuck on the hill and potentially more crashes and delays resulting.
- Unnecessary expense

The actual comments received are presented in the following table.

**Woodland Avenue and 2nd Street East/Conrad Drive Intersection
Comments Received September 14 to October 9, 2020**

(Names and contact information have been removed from comments. Spelling has been corrected.)

Comments In support of the Roundabout

It is about time. That intersection is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians. A 4 way stop would have been good enough, but this roundabout is even better. It will help traffic flow. Good job with this decision. 100 percent all for it.

I am in favor of a roundabout on woodland and 2nd street/Conrad.

Thank you for soliciting feedback on this project. This is an excellent and elegant solution to what is likely the trickiest intersection in Kalispell. Thank you for recognizing the problem here and prioritizing funds for a fix. Please keep in mind future increased bicycle traffic from then existing bike path to the planned rails to trail project through Kalispell. Would adding a two way bike lane on Woodland north of the intersection be feasible? Potentially widen the existing path there and extend it to the end of Woodland? Could this or a future project connect the bike path directly to planned rails to trails? Again, much obliged.

I own a home on 3rd Ave. E. in Kalispell and frequently visit Woodland Park. I SUPPORT a roundabout being built at the intersection of Conrad Dr. and Woodland Ave. This intersection is incredibly confusing (three stop signs, a yield, and one direction with no stop sign) and can easily create a dangerous situation for drivers and pedestrians. A roundabout will be a huge improvement in safety at this intersection.

I am writing to voice my complete support for putting a roundabout at woodland and 2nd street/ Conrad in Kalispell Montana. I live in the neighborhood and this intersection has become frightening as traffic has increased. I am a big supporter of the historic neighborhood and while a roundabout is not historic it is very important to keep traffic slow in our neighborhood which is one of the best walking neighborhoods in the city. Please count me and my family in support of this project.

While I normally HATE roundabouts (especially on the 96 Bypass, this design for this location is the first that truly makes sense. I cross the intersection from the south to north, and traffic coming from the east up the hill is nearly always moving too fast; most people are exceeding the speed limit. It is like the old game Frogger....watch out or you'll be hit... I support the project. It will slow down the uphill traffic to reasonable speeds and make it easier to cross.

I am in favor of the proposed roundabout for the intersection of 2nd Street and Woodland in Kalispell. Thanks for sending the informative flyer. I live a block away and have driven through that intersection hundreds of times. It is very dangerous and in need of a redesign.

I'm providing a comment regarding the proposed roundabout at the intersection of 2nd Street East/Conrad Drive and Woodland Avenue. I strongly support the proposal to develop a single lane roundabout because it will dramatically improve safety and flow at that intersection. Roundabouts are very effective and would work well in this scenario because of the current layout of the intersection. I drive this road everyday and consider this intersection to be a nuisance at best and dangerous at worst. Thank you to the engineers who carefully studied the options and determined a roundabout was the best solution. I completely agree.

I am all for the roundabout proposal. We travel this route many times a day coming from the south on Woodland and crossing Conrad is always a game of Russian roulette. I look forward to the round about being completed

I like the roundabout plan on Woodland. Thank you for looking at changing this intersection.

We wholeheartedly support the current design of this project. We live in this neighborhood and have been using this intersection for the last 30 years. We have been concerned about the following safety issues:

- Northbound traffic on Woodland Avenue is currently very dangerous because of excessive speed of uphill traffic on Conrad Drive.
- When driving north on Woodland Avenue, it is currently very hard to see oncoming traffic coming up the hill on Conrad Drive.
- When driving north on Woodland Avenue and attempting to turn left onto 2nd Street East, it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic on 2nd St. because the berm and vegetation on the corner of Woodland and 2nd St. blocks your view of that oncoming traffic. You can't see an oncoming car until it is at the stop sign.
- It is very dangerous to cross the intersection at any corner here, but is particularly dangerous to cross in front of the high-speed traffic coming up the hill on Conrad Drive. This design looks like it will address all these concerns and more, by slowing traffic and making improvements. We urge you to proceed with this project.

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The new design will be a major safety improvement for this intersection and for general traffic flow in the area.

I live at 830 10th St. East since 1987 and drive (or avoid this intersection a lot. I avoid it mostly when traveling north on Woodland. Very hard to see and in fact 20 years ago hit a vehicle coming from the west. Looking too much to my right down the hill I didn't see the car on my left which was stopped before I was. I totally agree on the roundabout.

I think the proposed roundabout on Woodland and 2nd St is a great idea, and much needed. As a resident living on Woodland Ave, I often avoid that intersection because I have been in many near accidents. I've looked through all the information provided here and I think it is a great idea.

I am in favor of this roundabout. It seems reasonable & safe.

I'm a driving instructor for Columbia Falls High School. I can say with certainty that the roundabout is a great improvement over the existing roadway. Currently I have to guide my students very gently through that bad intersection. A roundabout will make that route 100 percent safer.

In Support with Some Concerns

It seems like a great idea. I do have one comment/suggestion. I lived on Zimmerman Rd for 7 years so drove through this intersection multiple times daily to work etc. coming up the hill can be dicey in the winter due to a shady section of street and steepness of Conrad street heading north~~this street will need to be heavily de-iced to avoid a disaster when the northbound traffic gets stopped on the hill

In regards to the proposed roundabout on Woodland Ave in Kalispell MT I think the center of the roundabout should have grass or native plants instead of concrete. I understand this would be more maintenance for Kalispell but we could use Missoula as an example - their meridians are landscaped and much more visually pleasing. A few years ago Kalispell took out the grassy meridians on Idaho and replaced with concrete, this seemed unnecessary and is frankly quite ugly. I understand it is more practical to pave things over but please consider something nicer for our historic district. Thank you

Thank you for the letter with the information on the new improvements. I am all for it, many a time traffic in that area has been totally confused on what to do. Also, if I could get any info on what will be done directly in front of my property. It is hard to see from any pictures or the tour. It looks as though you will be removing and planting new trees, along with sidewalk and maybe a short concrete wall? My house is on the north side of 2nd street and is the 2nd home west of the corner.

I have had multiple near collisions traveling westbound on Conrad Drive as drivers on Woodland and Conrad eastbound fail to adhere to existing traffic signage. This proposed design appears to be a substantial improvement over the existing configuration. As an Eastside resident and frequent user of Woodland Park I particularly like upgrades in pedestrian walkways and crosswalks. I would like to see some design features added that differentiated the center of the roundabout from similar roundabouts in commercial parking lots or ones found on high traffic roads. Potential design features should continue to provide enhanced traffic and pedestrian visibility while at the same time being consistent with the Eastside's character as a historical district. It would be nice if the roundabout design features (such as lighting, stonework, and plantings) created the impression that the roundabout has been there for sometime. Thank you for your work on this project.

I support the roundabout but with one concern. I am concerned about coming up Conrad Drive in the winter and having to stop on the uphill grade if the roundabout is busy. I have a small vehicle and do have four-wheel drive. Are you sure that will be safe in the winter? I live on Woodland and drive through this intersection often. Twice in the past month, when I was going west up Conrad a vehicle heading east on 2nd St. did not yield, surprising me. So, I know that improvements are necessary.

I frequent this intersection as a pedestrian, and I appreciate the actions taken to make the intersection more pedestrian-friendly. My only concern is with the roundabout itself: several roundabouts were installed in Whitefish and then were removed shortly thereafter, and the roundabouts on the bypass in Kalispell are slated for removal. How can we ensure that local drivers are equipped to handle a new roundabout? Thanks!

Neutral

I own the properties at 138 and 144 Woodland Ave. Looking at your virtual design I don't see room for street parking along Woodland in front of these properties. 144 has no access to parking to the back of the house. My only parking would be on Woodland or 2nd Street. What is your plan to provide parking?

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Against Roundabout

Mr Taylor, _____, resident Kalispell Montana on your roundabout on Woodland avenue. I drive that road at least once a day if not four times or five times a day. We could save a lot of money by just putting no left turns, and that would cure the problem. Your roundabout is not indicative of the property that it's laid out on. It doesn't look like it in your little picture. If it's all curvy and bent around that neighborhood, and I don't see where you're going to get the land to do that if you think you can. But, roundabouts are not very right in Montana; they work where there's no snow. So I know you're in the business of making money, but just think about no left turns. That's just signs and a little bit maybe Chicago (?) rail or something to keep em from turning left. Let's look at that. Thank you very much. My phone number is _____. And no, I'm not gonna visit your virtual thing. Bye.

We live right by the Woodland Park and the potential roundabout. (549 Lenwood lane). We have so much traffic down our road now, how is this going to prevent even more traffic down our road. The problem with the traffic is not so much the top of the hill, but its also the Woodland store intersection. This really needs to be addressed for traffic control. People coming from the HWY 2 around the softball complex cannot get out onto Conrad Drive due to the traffic coming down the woodland hill. I have lived in this area for most of my life and the traffic cut through down Lenwood Lane and Tahoe Drive is bad and getting worse and will get worse. We need this controlled as well. A roundabout will be interesting for a "SLICK WOODLAND HILL" if not plowed and people get stuck because they cannot get onto the roundabout at the top of the hill!!! This is a problem as well cause people who have taken drivers test years ago were not TESTED on roundabouts and do NOT know how they operate... I'm not sure this is the solution to a potentially much bigger traffic congestion issue.

Proposed roundabout on 2nd Street E and Conrad Drive and Woodland Ave is a big mistake, the uphill traffic off Conrad Drive, the hill is all ice during winter and stopping and starting is almost impossible, that's why it was determined that uphill traffic had right of way, all others had to stop. To make it safer all east bound from 2nd should only be allowed right turns, all south bound from Woodland, right turns only on to 2nd, north bound on Woodland no thru traffic at all, right turn only onto Conrad, having worked for the city for 17 years this intersection has always been a problem, line of sight is way too short east and west due to trees, brush and hill side best to make it right turns only for all directions - no thru traffic at all any direction is safest solution, roundabout will prove even more unsafe than what is happening now.

Stupid. Stupid. Stupid. Putting a roundabout at the Woodland/Conrad drive is stupid. As it is now three ways stop and uphill traffic does not. Drivers can't grasp that so your solution is that no one stops?? Have you seen the traffic that backs up at the roundabouts on the bypass? It can get ugly. And what is gonna happen during the winter when the cars get backed up going down the hill towards the park? With all of the ice and snow that accumulates on the road. There is a reason there is no stop sign at the top of the hill. And these drivers that can't grasp a 3 way stop are magically going to yield properly? Stupid stupid stupid.

The loss of on-street parking on 2nd St due to the second sidewalk is unreasonable. Disabled users could use other routes instead, and avoid the cost and impact of providing the second sidewalk. Crashes might reduce by 5%, but not 35% due to the Conrad Dr uphill slope and vehicles occasionally needing to come to a stop.

My mother, _____, has lived a half mile east of the Woodland & 2nd Street/Conrad intersection project since 1959. She does not have access to the Internet and asked me to relay her comments on the project. She is 80 years old and she drives through the intersection at least 5 days a week to exercise at the Summit on US 93 north of town. She does not like roundabouts and told me that she will turn onto Woodland Park Drive and go to US 2 rather than use a roundabout. She doesn't believe that the accident rate there justifies the expense of the project. She believes a better use of the funds would be to improve Conrad Drive between Woodland Park Drive and Willow Glen Drive to make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

I have looked at the information about the project online and I have one concern. The Fact Sheet says "The uphill grade entering the roundabout at Conrad hill has been modified improving sight distances and creating a slightly flatter landing." I would like to see more information on how the uphill grade will be modified. Will the entire hill from the entrance to Woodland Park be rebuilt to move some of the grade farther to the East? I agree with my mother on the need for improvement to Conrad Drive. I am a runner and I find the section between Caroline Road and Woodland Park to be barely tolerable as a running route because of the lack of a shoulder and the high amount of traffic. The corner around the base of the cemetery to Willow Glen Drive is intolerable for me. The limited sight distance and lack of a shoulder make it too risky for me to consider using it to walk or run. Beyond Willow Glen to Kiwanis Park is also problematic due to the traffic and lack of a shoulder.

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I am not in favor of the roundabout at Woodland and Second St. This intersection just went through a major renovation last year at what I'm sure was great expense. The most important reason for opposition is the fact that even the video does not portray the hill coming up to Woodland accurately. There is a great deal of traffic at certain times of day and at some point the uphill traffic would have to yield and during winter months would be ridiculous even impossible. Bad idea bad design waste of money. I swear the people that come up with these proposals never actually drive the streets they effect. How many signatures have you received on the opposition to this terrible idea? Listen to the people. Period

Public safety and extreme danger will increase exponentially if this Roundabout is built. Already very dangerous. When one drives up the hill to the intersection people often run the stop signs or pull out in front of cars approaching the intersection. People often get in accidents and their cars end up in the pond or down the sides of Woodland Park. If the Roundabout is built these problems and many more problems and deaths will increase rather than be decreased by the Roundabout. In Winter accidents and deaths will sky rocket. Don't build it. Due to a decreasing economy during the COVID 19, this project should be cancelled ASAP.

I'm opposed to the Woodland Ave/Conrad Drive round about. The people of Kalispell have a hard time effectively using round abouts, as proven by the Foy's Lake Rd roundabout which is slated for removal because of its ineffectiveness and how traffic becomes backed up. Many people stop at round abouts rather than speeding up or slowing down to merge onto the roundabout as they're supposed to. This will pose a huge problem during the winter on the hill of Conrad Drive just outside Woodland Park. During the winter, if people stop at the roundabout (which they will given the evidence at the Foy's Lake roundabout) it's unlikely that they will be able to get moving again on the hill when road conditions are less than ideal. I believe this will lead to even more hazards, accidents, and backed up traffic than currently. Please consider another option for this intersection.

I have driven through this intersection for 50 years. I think you need to make the concrete divider longer on the south side of Woodland (Conrad Mansion side), I can see people approaching the roundabout on Woodland will not drive around the roundabout but cut across to second street. Also I HOPE the City of Kalispell will be involved and put some concrete sidewalk on the hill and cut the brush that hangs out onto the road, and remove all the overhanging trees.

A roundabout in the Woodland, 3rd Street is one of the worst ideas I have ever heard. Traffic coming up the hill from the park will have a problem stopping on icy roads. The intersection is not big enough to accommodate a roundabout easily without taking residential property. Walking in that area to get to or from the park will be almost impossible and there is usually a lot of foot traffic in that area. Please consider a traffic light over a roundabout.

Well first off..I've lived in this neighborhood 30 years...and I must tell you this is a HORRENDOUS idea.
1. There's a REASON there's not a stop sign already coming up the hill..it's extremely icy in the winter and a stop sign or YIELDING on a roundabout is bad news as in the high possibility of slipping back down the hill. Not good.
2. Pedestrians mostly children cross at the top..this would be dangerous with a roundabout..
3. It's a HUGE HASSLE to snow plow.
4. It's an unnecessary expense.
5. And FINALLY ITS APPALLING to have this engineered out of state! Bad idea! Money needs to stay in Montana Stop. Bad idea. Enough already.

I drive the Conrad hill regularly and have concerns with the proposed plan for uphill travel in slick road conditions. While a "slightly flatter" landing at the intersection may help the first car waiting to enter, have subsequent vehicles been factored in? The steepness of the hill, with a blind curve before the top, doesn't allow for time or room to maneuver on a slick road if a vehicle is stopped at the top. Thank you for the opportunity to comment online.

Concerned about icy conditions

I am commenting on the Woodland and 2nd Street/Conrad roundabout. I think you will not only not solve the problem with a roundabout, but you will cause even more problems. With this design folks will still end up having to slow to an almost stop or an actual stop when coming up the hill, the same reason there isn't a stop sign on that one way and there are on all other three roads. It is dangerous to make folks come to a stop on an uphill and could cause many accidents. I think you are only going to compound the problem if using this as a solution!

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Petitions were placed in businesses near that intersection, so most of those signing it use it almost daily. Some comments from the Work session and public information meeting were noted and the feasibility from my perspective is noted. I have had a business at the bottom of the hill, just across from the cannon entrance to Woodland Park for about 30 years. I have gone through that intersection multiple times a day from all 4 approaches. The MDT has overstated or exaggerated the danger and the wrecks there. MDT engineer Jaquelyn Smith Stated that a roundabout would address ALL of these crashes. That's virtually impossible! The latest MHP stats stated that there were only 8 incidents there from 2018-2019, and only 2 people were injured, and only 2 vehicles had to be towed. It was also stated that it would help slow traffic down. How much slower can you get than a full stop? The latest crash data shows that there are more accidents at the two roundabouts on the bypass than there are at this one. And the cars are traveling at a much higher speed. A University of Michigan study found that they don't slow traffic as hoped. Many drivers still enter and proceed through them at too high a velocity imperiling others. They also found that drivers often "cut" the roundabout ESPECIALLY at the smaller ones, instead of going around in a clockwise manner. They turn left in front of the circles to save time. Dangerous to cars and pedestrians and bike riders. There is a 7 percent grade entering the intersection from the East. A roundabout would force cars entering it to slow way down or to stop/yield for cars already in it. In the winter, that would be a disaster, as the slick road would virtually eliminate stop and go traffic. And despite what the Public Works Director said, They cannot keep that hill plowed and sanded all the time. I have already witnessed a slippery road the last 3 times it has snowed! There is a concept to reduce the grade to 2 percent. One can only imagine the amount of excavating required to attain that goal. Estimates range from 3 to 5 years to complete such a project. During the few months when they repaired the water line on "my" hill, my patient traffic dropped by about 20 percent! which brings me to:

That intersection is bordered on at least 2 sides by National Historic Treasures, Conrad Mansion being a block to the south and on one side by the Woodland Park pond, an environmentally sensitive Wetland area that should not be disturbed. I believe that this area around the park and neighborhoods to the south is a designated wildlife protection area. It would or should take an act of God to disturb any of the real-estate in that area. I would hope that it would be in the best interest of the Mayor and council to make every effort to maintain the city's character and appeal especially with all the tourists visiting the Mansion every year. I did see a sign coming in from the north this morning pointing me towards "Historic Kalispell"! Instead of burdening the public with another donnybrook costing many millions of tax dollars (that's my money) that is almost guaranteed to fail and destroy the character of the neighborhood, let's invest in some intersection enhancements that will surely reduce the number and severity of the "crashes" there.

- 1) place brighter stop bars on the roadway at the 3 stop signs.
- 2) Install actuated flashing lights around the "uphill traffic does not stop" signs as they have on Whitefish stage school crosswalks for the speed limit warnings! They work well.

At more challenging and busy intersections in Spokane they have put a border of red flashing lights around the stop signs to keep tired people alert! There will always be accidents at intersections, and it appears that 4 per year is average for most intersections in town. (MDT crash data website.) Out of the 8 incidents in 2018-2019 only resulted in 3 auto disabling wrecks, the other 5 drove away. Only 2 humans out of the 8 needed any kind of care. None went to the hospital. There are over 2,454 signatures now and I am averaging 20-30 additional signatures a week, in only 3 locations across from Woodland Park. Ryan Hunter was just elected to Ward 3, this Ward, with only 465 votes! I have NOT seen a feasibility study results yet!

I say no to a roundabout. As a schoolbus driver, I travel this road several times a day. This intersection is not that difficult - a better, cheaper answer - flashing caution light & larger signs - if you can get people to stop looking down at their cell phones. A more dangerous intersection is at the bottom of Woodland Park hill - intersection - Conrad Drive & Woodland Park Dr. This needs more attention than the top of the hill. While driving south on Woodland Park Dr & trying to turn east - it takes forever to have clear traffic to make that turn - as a bus driver - I turn onto Lenwood & Tahoe to get back onto Conrad! Shame on the outdated traffic lights throughout this valley - with the huge influx of people moving here we should be able to update a large percentage of traffic lights: for example

- Whitefish & Reserve - install left turn signals all directions
- Hwy 93 & Treeline Road - again - needs left turn signals - all directions

Set up a meeting with all flathead county school bus drivers if you dare!!!

Hello, I currently live down Conrad drive off of Caroline road. My family and I have to travel up Conrad and through the 3 way stop nearly every day to get to the West and North side of town. Putting a round-about in the intersection will cause travel delays as well as be very dangerous in the wintertime. Going up the hill in the wintertime is already difficult as the hill remains shaded and will often develop ice. If there is a roundabout and vehicles coming up the hill have to stop they may not be able to move through the intersection. This will be compounded if multiple vehicles coming up the hill will have to stop. There is also no room currently to back up and try to go again if they are unable to move. This can cause more problems and crashes than has already taken place. Larger vehicles would also have difficulties in the winter. A possible cheaper solution would be to keep the 3 stop signs, they can be replaced with lit ones as well as signs prior the stops to make people aware that people coming up the hill do not stop, these could flash when a car is recognized as entering the intersection. It would work similar to the sign at the entrance of Montclair Drive and E Idaho St warning drivers that vehicles may be entering on to the roadway. Crosswalk signs that blink after the button has been pushed could also be added to increase pedestrian safety. Visual, blinking signs would be a much more cost effective way at solving this issue. It would also be much more in line with the historical homes that are in area. A roundabout would take away from the charm and importance of the historic homes.

I am a neighbor in the Woodland and 2nd Street/Conrad area. I feel that a roundabout is a terrible solution.