



- Public comments about roundabouts included slowing traffic, reduction of potential major injuries, and slowing down emergency response and evacuation times.
- Public comments about Crossings and Sidewalks included the improvement of foot traffic on Heritage Trails.
- Curb Extensions were proposed at all signalized intersections.
- Raised Median Extensions are proposed at signalized intersections and roundabouts. These can have aesthetic benefits and improve corridor safety.
- Class IV Bike Lanes are currently dangerous with high speeds. Other comments shared were there are not enough cyclists to warrant Class IV Bike Lane improvements.
- The County is currently in Phase III Draft CCP.

## 2) Public Comments

- Phil Bell shared his involvement with the Valley Center community. The Valley Center Fire District called a meeting to take an official position from his community group. The board voted 3-1 to reject the County's proposed plan. **Opposed**
- Dr. Tim Bylash shared that he lives in Del Mar and has friends that live in Valley Center. He originally was against the roundabout that was built in Del Mar. He shared information that the city of Clearwater, Florida has experience of building, destroying, and rebuilding roundabouts. The city rebuilt roundabouts.
- Chris Barber shared that he was born and raised in San Diego County. He has experience driving a bus using roundabouts. He shared that they are very difficult to make turns. He has a motorhome and does not understand why the County is attempting to create roundabouts in Valley Center. **Opposed**
- Bob Swanson does not believe roundabouts are a good fit along Valley Center Road. He is not opposed to roundabouts everywhere, just where the County has proposed them. **Opposed**
- Randy Rattray shared his experience using the roundabout at Valley Center Road and Highway 76. He shared his experience using this roundabout at a recent concert at Harrah's Casino. He is against them.
- Al Marol has lived out in Valley Center since 1975. He believes roundabouts are a very bad idea and does not see how these will benefit the community. Two locations already have traffic signals. He shared that traffic calming will become traffic gridlock. **Opposed**
- Susan Tuck shared that her husband had a heart attack eight years ago. Her husband did survive the heart attack because EMTs arrived quickly enough.
- Greg Heisman shared that he has lived in Valley Center for the last decade. The community is no longer a village and he cannot imagine emergency vehicles getting in and out of the community. **Opposed**
- Michael Ferrier shared that he has recently moved from a large city. He moved from Florida and shared his experience with hurricanes. He now better understands the dangers of fire evacuation when compared to hurricane evacuation. **Opposed**

- Oliver Smith shared the roundabouts. The community of Valley Center is being treated as guinea pigs. There are presently zero two lane roundabouts in San Diego County. The curb extensions will also put bike lanes into traffic lanes. **Opposed**
- Smith shared that the business in Valley Center will be severely affected by the construction of roundabouts **Opposed**
- Debbie Simpson **In Favor**
- Annita Shrivel **In Favor**
- Jeff Kaniculo shared that he thought roundabout proposals were an April Fool's joke. He has had numerous negative experiences using roundabouts. The cited statistics in favor of roundabouts often manipulate the data. **Opposed**
- Mike Pulo is a new resident of Park Circle. He has almost been hit multiple times near Mirar De Valle. He strongly favors this plan. **In Favor**
- Donna Hein would like to spend the huge amount of money to create an additional road parallel to Valley Center Road. She has an issue with spending money on Class IV Bike Lanes, as the community will not make use of the lanes. The community often travels with trailers **Opposed**
- Al Stehly shared that he has lived in the community since 1962. He is in favor of roundabouts. He would like to see all lights replaced with roundabouts. He has seen his produce trucks travel through a roundabout without any problem. **In Favor**
- Kevin spoke about the median and the need for additional medians.
- Randall Harmon shared that he is against roundabouts. He believes that roundabouts will make it very difficult for residents to go to local businesses along Valley Center Road. He shared that red and blue lights will slow down traffic. **Opposed**
- Lisa Stehly shared her experience driving to Poway for the last month. She has seen a number of drivers run red lights along Valley Center Road and Bear Valley Parkway. **In Favor**
- Glenn Arrant shared his background with the Coast Guard. He cannot imagine emergency vehicles trying to travel through a roundabout. **Opposed**
- Dorothy Kennedy does not believe Valley Center shares similarities with cities like La Jolla and Del Mar. There are no good reasons for roundabouts in this community. **Opposed**
- She shared that she moved to Valley Center four years ago and now lives with her daughter. She often takes her grandchildren to school. She has lived in Europe and does have experience using roundabouts. She found that there is only one way to get into town. **Opposed**
- Eddie Lane has recently moved to Valley Center. He loved using roundabouts in Europe, but the United States has a lot of large vehicles. Roundabouts are not the solution for the community. He likes the present dark sky in Valley Center. **Opposed**
- Lloyd Owens shared that the County is trying to force roundabouts on this community. He believes that lights work very well, but the San Diego Sheriffs do not heavily enforce traffic laws. **Opposed**

- Mike O'Connor shared that he is a current member of the fire board. He believes that lights work very well. He voted against roundabouts, but would like the \$52 million kept for traffic measures in the community. **Opposed**
- Robert Little John has lived in Valley Center for around four and a half years. He believes that change is hard, but he believes that roundabouts are safer. **In Favor**
- Jim Neilson shared that he has lived here for ten years. He walks from Lilac to Cole Grade between 4:30-6:30 o'clock each morning and has seen four major accidents during that time. He thinks that roundabouts should be given a chance. **In Favor**
- Connie Errant shared that four roundabouts is absolutely excessive. She favors using the \$52 million for other community projects. She would have to drive four roundabouts on her daily commute to get to Santee. She thinks they are a very bad idea. **Opposed**

**F. Action items (VCCPG advisory vote may be taken on the following items).**

**1) Valley Center Road Corridor Road Concept Plan:**

**Motion: Recognizing that our growing population is creating a necessity for improvements to Valley Center Road and that there are conflicts when discussing the options within the Concept Plan, the VCCPG requests that the Board of Supervisors place a priority on constructing one roundabout at Miller Road along with the changes proposed from Miller Road to Lilac Road (i.e., medians, bike lanes, sidewalks). PDS shall take the results of those improvements and continue to work with the VCFPD to develop the best alternatives for the rest of the Valley Center Road corridor.**

- **Maker/Second:** Smith/Hutchison
- **Motion Fails 3-12-0 (Y-N-Ab)**
- **Mr. Hutchison, Dr. Matthews and Mr. Smith voted yea.**
- Lisa Adams - N
- Michelle Bothof - N
- Delores ChavezHarmes-N
- Vlad Ciupitu - N
- Susan Fajardo - N
- Julia Feliciano - N
- James Garritson - N
- Steve Hutchison - Y
- Matt Matthews - Y
- Kathleen McCabe - N
- LaVonne Norwood - N
- Dori Rattray - N
- Roya Sabeti - N
- Larry Schmidt - N
- Kevin Smith - Y

**Motion: To reject the Valley Center Road Corridor Road Concept Plan.**

- **Maker/Second:**
- **Motion Carries 11-3-1 (Y-N-Ab) Ms. Adams, Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Smith voted nay. Dr. Matthews abstained.**
- Lisa Adams - N
- Michelle Bothof - Y
- Delores ChavezHarmes-Y
- Vlad Ciupitu - Y
- Susan Fajardo -Y
- Julia Feliciano - Y
- James Garritson - Y
- Steve Hutchison -N
- Matt Matthews - **Ab**
- Kathleen McCabe - Y
- LaVonne Norwood - Y
- Dori Rattray - Y
- Roya Sabeti - Y
- Larry Schmidt - Y
- Kevin Smith - N

- **Motion: To reject all roundabout proposals along Valley Center Road between Woods Valley Road and Cole Grade Road.**
- **Maker/Second:** Garritson/No second was made
  
- Each Planning Group member was given time to share their thoughts about roundabouts.
- Lisa Adams - She has researched roundabouts and continues to study the pros and cons of this type of traffic calming measure.
- Michelle Bothof - She shared that data from the recent Park Circle poll had an inaccurate percentage of 80% in favor of roundabouts.
- Delores ChavezHarmes - She shared that the community does need the County. She was originally interested in learning more about roundabouts. She shared her concerns about the VMT proposals made by SanDag
- Vlad Ciupitu - He believes that the project is too strong in favor of roundabouts. He would like to see what the planners can do with \$52 million.
- Susan Fajardo - She would like to see the traffic slowed along Valley Center Road. She does not believe roundabouts are the best choice because so many people drive with trailers in the community. She would like to see a way to slow down traffic, but without the construction of roundabouts. **Opposed**
- Julia Feliciano - She believes that the proposal to have four roundabouts is overly ambitious. She believes that roundabouts will lead to fender benders. She might be in favor of one roundabout, but not four. These proposals are a recipe for disaster. **Opposed**
- James Garritson - County offices do not have any roundabouts. He asked the County Planners attending the meeting whether any of them lived within or nearby Valley Center. All County Planners do not live within or nearby Valley Center. Mr. Garritson believes that \$52 million is much better spent on adding additional lanes along Valley Center Road between Cole Grade Road and Lake Wohlford Road. **Opposed**
- Steve Hutchison - He shared that this plan has developed over the last four years. He shared that a lot of the ideas that have been expressed are very heartfelt. He thinks that building bike lanes might lead people in our community to build more roundabouts. Mr. Hutchison believes that a plan is necessary. He shared thoughts about the Highway 76 and Valley Center Road roundabout.
- Matt Matthews - He has lived here for 47 years. He drives from patient to patient for a long time. He finds that Valley Center Road has become very dangerous and many people do not respect traffic light signals. He believes that the County will be driven by data. There needs to be multiple exit strategies. He would like to see a long-term plan to resolve the traffic issue.
- Kathleen McCabe - She has been a part of this plan for a number of years. She would like to see a number of revisions made to the plan. She respects the fire board's opposition to roundabouts. She would like the County to continue to educate the community about the plan.
- LaVonne Norwood - She would like to see a study for possibly one roundabout, but not four.

She would like the County to listen closely to Chief Napier and the fire district.

- Dori Rattray - She shared that this is a passthrough community. Many people driving through our community are headed to casinos, Palomar Mountain and Julian. She shared information about a number of roundabout studies.
- Roya Sabeti - She does have safety concerns about current traffic speed. Why is our community the first one in San Diego County to have roundabout proposals? She is open to see how the plan continues to evolve.
- Larry Schmidt - He questioned the data shared from Park Circle residents. How many residents of this new community have dealt with fire evacuation? How many residents of Park Circle are driving large trucks or hauling a trailer? He believes that spending \$52 million to construct four roundabouts is poor use of tax money. He is not fully against roundabouts in certain situations. **Opposed**
- Kevin Smith - He asked questions to the County Planner about roundabouts.
- There was discussion about Robert's Rules of Order.

## **G. Subcommittee Reports – Tabled to September 19, 2022**

### **I. Adjournment**

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: **September 19, 2022 at 7 p.m.**
- **The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on October 10, 2022.**

**James Garritson, Secretary**

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### **Appendix VCCPG September 12, 2022 Minutes**

**These are the speakers who shared their Opposition or Support of Roundabouts at the Monday, September 12, 2022 Meeting. [SPEAKER LIST on NEXT PAGE]**

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**Opposed to Roundabouts:**

- Anita Schiebel
- Phil Bell
- Chris Barber
- Bob Swanson
- Randy Rattray
- Al Maioriello
- Susan Tuck
- Gregg Eisman
- Michael farrier
- Oliver Smith
- Janice Smith
- Jeff Coniglio
- Donna Heim
- Dave Bohorquez
- Randall Harmon
- Glenn Arrant
- Dorothy Kennedy
- Christine Spengel
- Eddie Lain
- Lloyd Owens
- Mike O'Connor
- Dorinda Gonzales
- Connie Arrant

**Support Roundabouts**

- Tim Bilash - Del Mar resident
- Debbie Simpson
- Mike Puyot
- Al Stehly
- Lisa Stehly
- Robert Littlejohn
- Jim Nielsen