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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Road Ideas Hampton Roads, VA (Carmel, IN Model)

Good Morning Mayor Jones and Hampton Roads Leadership,

I know you are tight on time so I'll be brief. Last night I spoke about roundabouts being utilized in Newport News City. I've included a link to a youtube video on Carmel, Indiana's road designs. Your traffic engineers and VDOT District Offices might enjoy these videos if they are not yet on their radar; furthermore, these applied improvements have been proven (Carmel, Indiana) to save money, increase safety, and decrease traffic congestion flow problems.

Goals:

1. Decrease stopping while traveling on Newport News/Hampton Roads Community Roads by implementing newer designed roundabouts (see videos below).
2. Reallocate funding and non-used road lanes for bike lanes and pull-over barrier bus stops.
3. Increase public transportation on routes to be efficient (anywhere in Newport News in 40 min, maybe).

Dutch Roundabout Model (Carmel, IN suggests this model if they could redo it).

-In my opinion bicycle paths yielding to roundabout flows would work best here, and there are models where busier roundabouts have elevated the path above the road.

<https://bicycledutch.wordpress.com/2015/10/13/explaining-the-dutch-roundabout-abroad/>

Videos:

Road Guy Rob: Let's Fix the High School with 152 Roundabouts!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZUZA76L09M>

History of the roundabout program with Mayor James Brainard.

Road Guy Rob: Roads don't have to be Fat to be Fast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV0x2hNRYnU&t=370s>

Time: 6:02 gets into the traffic flow problem.

Time: 8:42 problem solving and solutions

Respectfully,
Christopher Fryman

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