

Oakmont Community Group
PO Box 230
Ridgedale, MO 65739

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Dear Mr. Haupt,

As we discussed previously on the phone, I wanted to address each of the concerns raised by the Oakmont Community.

1. No Public Workshops and/or Hearings

This project was a special economic development program run through the state; the project followed the requirements of the program.

2. Traffic Flow at Devil's Pool Road and Missouri Route 86

This intersection was a focus item for MoDOT throughout the design phase of the project, and Big Cedar LLC is required to provide the necessary right of way for a potential future roundabout at this location as a result. In addition, Big Cedar is required to perform a traffic study post-construction and submit it to MoDOT after their new access road is established and functioning at Jones Road, as this new access is expected to reduce traffic volumes at Devil's Pool Road by up to 70%. This traffic study will determine if traffic volumes have changed at Devil's Pool Road, and ultimately if a roundabout is necessary at this location. If one is necessary per the traffic study, the right of way will already be acquired and ready for future implementation of a roundabout at this location.

3. Line of Sight Issues at Devil's Pool Road

We are currently reviewing the installed improvements at this location to ensure they are in agreement with the signed and sealed plans, and that the installation meets current specifications with respect to sight distance. The guardrail in the northwest quadrant of the intersection has recently been adjusted to improve visibility. Speed is an enforcement issue, and if customers are experiencing speeding traffic, they should reach out to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) Troop D or the Taney County Sheriff's Office to ask for assistance with enforcement of the speed limits. Safety is a top priority, and if a customer doesn't feel like they have enough time to merge with traffic safely making a left turn, drivers may also opt to make a right turn and utilize the roundabout as a U-turn.



4. Center Median Design

The areas referred to are at locations where the center concrete median has not been completed due to a drainage issue identified by MoDOT in the vicinity of the Dollar General Store. Once the contractor has successfully completed their corrections, the median should be completed.

MoDOT has directed the contractor to ensure the existing areas are denoted by cones until the final medians are completed. In addition, the curbs of the medians will be painted per the plans.

5. Visibility of Roundabout Center

The stripe referred to around the truck apron is optional per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices which MoDOT follows (see below). However, the project plans do depict placing a yellow stripe around the truck apron to help delineate the pavement from the truck apron. We understand both roundabouts within this project will receive this yellow stripe.

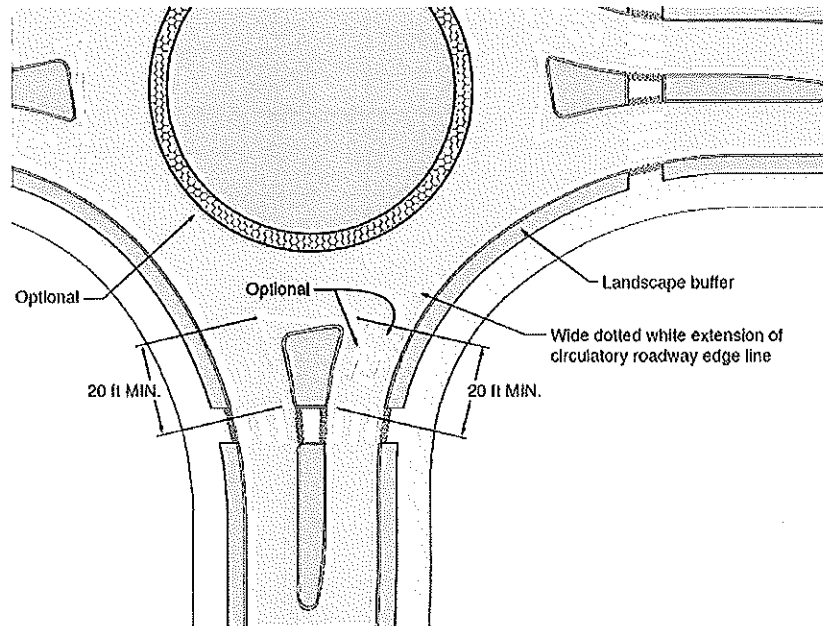


Fig. 620.3.1.1, Example of Markings for Approach and Circulatory Roadways at a Roundabout (MUTCD 3C-1)

6. Striping and Signage at US Route 65 and Missouri Route 86

We are currently reviewing this location to determine if the striping is installed in accordance with the signed and sealed plans. MoDOT can confirm the location of the yield sign and yield line is a safety focused installation to ensure customers are slowing down prior to the lane-changing opportunity allowed on Route 86 between Ridgedale and US Route 65. Careful consideration was given to the signing and striping layout at this location. We will continue to monitor the location, and we will consider making adjustments in the future as necessary.

Again, should you wish to discuss any of the items in further detail, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Greg Chapman, PE
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