



City of Jackson

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Janet Sanders, Director of Public Works

DATE: February 26, 2026

RE: Deerwood Roundabout Center Island Aesthetics

In 2024 the Board discussed possible alternatives for center island aesthetics for the new Deerwood roundabout. At that time, MODOT was reviewing their roundabout guidance and it was incomplete, so the discussion was put on hold.

MODOT has now published their guidance, and the roundabout in construction, the City needs to choose a preferred design for the center island so that application can be submitted to MODOT for review.

Key points in the MODOT guidance and some key points to their review include the following:

- Review and approval by MODOT of detailed design required
- Optional locations outside the MODOT right-of-way must first be considered and reason for rejection included in application
- Signs / monuments / art / features can be no wider than ½ the center island diameter, excluding truck apron. The center island is 60' in diameter.
- Installation's height cannot exceed the distance to the curb of the center island (excluding truck apron)
- Breakaway design is preferred but is not listed as required
- Installations cannot cause a distraction or encourage pedestrian traffic (think "selfie" photo opportunities)
- Applications including landscaping must include type of trees / shrubs / plants / grass / etc. Landscaping is to be no- to low-maintenance

Staff recommends a low maintenance landscaping design be developed by an outside source to ensure low maintenance and survivability of plant selections.

Attached with this memo are the MODOT Guidance document and previous sign designs prepared by Coast to Coast Signs.