



City of Jackson

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Janet Sanders, Director of Public Works

DATE: June 13, 2024

RE: Roundabout Center Island

At the last meeting I was asked to get more information from MODOT about the potential for approval of the currently proposed roundabout center island design with a retaining wall, landscaping, and life-size statue.

I spoke to Chris Crocker, Area Engineer for the Southeast District. While his initial response was somewhat optimistic given the draft MODOT specs, he reiterated the MODOT specs that might allow monuments are still in draft form and are determined by the MODOT folks in Jefferson City. Review of any submitted plan is also reviewed in Jefferson City and is a lengthy process. The “draft” MODOT specifications have been in the works as long as he can remember and he cannot project a finalization date. Today, however, he let me know that MODOT has now added to the draft a specification that a monument area will only be allowed on roads with a speed limit less than 40 mph. The current speed limit on this section of North High Street is 45 mph. Speed limits are set by MODOT based on a thorough traffic study, not just a community request.

Under current MODOT roundabout specs, low profile landscaping and low shrubbery with a trunk diameter of no more than 3” is allowed and the proposed design, if submitted under the current specifications, could not be approved.