

Hawk Ridge HOA
P.O. Box 2093
Monument, CO 80132

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Colorado Dept of Transportation

Re: CO 83 Roundabout at CountyLine/Palmer Divide Rd

Dear CDOT 83 Roundabout at County Line Project Management:

The residents of Hawk Ridge, located at the immediate southeast corner of the intersection of CO 83 and Palmer Divide Rd, and represented by the Hawk Ridge HOA, are strongly opposed to the project titled "CO 83 Roundabout at CountyLine/Palmer Divide Rd".

The 87 homeowners with homes adjacent to this intersection comprise a notable share of the East/West traffic on Palmer Divide Rd. While we heartily agree that traffic management is needed at this intersection, satisfactory traffic management currently exists via the traffic light.

Residents were delighted to see a traffic light installed to replace the stop sign at this intersection two years ago. The stop sign itself was installed not many years before. The traffic signal is a significant improvement and a superior solution which has nearly eliminated accidents at this intersection.

Reasons for Hawk Ridge residents' opposition to the roundabout project include:

- 1) First and foremost, the present traffic light is adequate and an acceptable traffic management solution to the vast majority of residents in the area.
- 2) During rush hour and periods of heavy weekend traffic on CO 83, County Line/Palmer Ridge Rd traffic will be challenged to enter a roundabout flooded with a continuous stream of highway-speed traffic, which while slowed by the roundabout approach, will be moving much faster than the orthogonal residential traffic, making the current traffic light the superior solution.
- 3) The next intersection to the south, the intersection of CO 83 and CO 105, also has a traffic light, so it is a disingenuous argument that this roundabout will materially help keep highway traffic moving.
- 4) While we are aware of trendy municipal and state roundabout adoption, and recognize that it will give CDOT cache in the transportation industry, we are unwilling to bear the cost and burden of this wasteful and unjustified project.

The plea of Hawk Ridge residents, those parties closest and most impacted by this change, is simple – CDOT, please do not waste millions of taxpayer dollars on the CO83/County Line/Palmer Divide Rd Roundabout, under the pretense of solving a problem that does not exist.

Sincerely, on behalf of Hawk Ridge residents,



Ken Witt
President, Hawk Ridge HOA