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Dear Transportation Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to seriously reconsider a roundabout at the intersection of Sprecher and Milwaukee St. in place of stop lights. This intersection and the one above it at Sprecher and Commercial already gets very congested during peak travel times. A roundabout would enable better flow of traffic and would also reduce the likelihood of someone running a red light and causing a serious accident. The Meadowlands apartments traffic flows up Milwaukee st and many times I have observed cars at high speeds running the intersection.

Roundabouts are safer. The roundabout that was placed at the intersection of Zeier Rd years ago did a wonderful job of improving traffic flow from the previous stop lights at the intersection where cars often piled up for several cycles.

This area is rapidly growing in population, with plans for many additional roof stops going up on Reiner Rd and Commercial. Adding even more traffic to this intersection will only make it worse, especially at peak travel times.

The North Star neighbourhood association has previously shared thoughts on this topic with our Alder Derek Field who explained that the counterargument in favour of stop lights included concerns for bicycles using this intersection. However, even a bicycle would be safer in a roundabout where they could see a car driving in excess of the speed and avoid approaching the intersection, vs proceeding into an intersection thinking they had the right of way on a green light and then being run over by a speeding car running the red light.

Please reconsider the roundabout option in place of the traffic control signals, they will in the long run be a far better mechanism to safely control traffic flow without causing additional delays when nearby residents are trying to commute to and from work.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Barbara Davis, Northstar Neighbourhood President