



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2021

TO: Mayor Patrick T. Rockinberg and Council Members: President Jason M. Poirier, Secretary Pamela M. Reed, Karl L. Munder, Lynne P. Galletti, Stephen L. Domotor

FROM: Barney Quinn
Town Engineer

ISSUE: SOUTH MAIN STREET ROUNDABOUT DESIGN PROJECT
PROJECT NO. #2021-MA-G-003

PURPOSE:

The Town of Mount Airy is seeking Town Council approval to continue the South Main Street Roundabout project design process.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Recently the Town has approved the construction of Chick-fil-a on Ridgeside Drive. In addition to the onsite construction, off-site traffic improvements are being made to include eliminating left turns coming off Ridgeside Drive only allowing drivers to make right turns onto Main Street and increasing the amount of traffic going up the hill. The roundabout will also allow drivers to make a quick turnaround to get back on I-70 instead of taking an alternative route.

The Town of Mount Airy recently awarded AMT Engineering the Basic Engineering Services contract in February. Since, the Town and AMT Engineering has met on several occasions and discussed what traffic options would be best in the Town's interest for the location. AMT Engineering has provided a presentation of potential designs with supportive data and reasoning to why this traffic improvement will be beneficial to the Town. The next step in the process is to start the formal design of the roundabout.

The budget for FY2022 has allocated \$145,000 for the design of the South Main Street Roundabout Design project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Town Council approval of moving forward with the design of the South Main Street Roundabout Design project in the amount of \$145,000 provided by AMT Engineering.