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Nebraska Division

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100 Centennial Mall North
Room 220
Lincoln, NE 68508

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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National Roadway Safety Awards
c/o Jeannie Taylor
3402 Brookwood Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Ms. Taylor:

On behalf of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, we are pleased to submit “‘Roundabout’ – A Safe and Effective Countermeasure” for the 2007 National Roadway Safety Awards. Being the first modern roundabout in Nebraska, this project has proved very successful in reducing crashes and vehicle delays. Results have included a 95 percent decline in injury crashes, a 100 percent decline in turning crashes, and an 82 percent decline in the average vehicle delay time. The use of Federal-aid highway safety funds on this project resulted in a benefit-cost ratio of 25:1.

Furthermore, the public participation process for this project proved effective in gaining the support of opponents who in the end became proponents of modern roundabouts. A second roundabout has since been constructed in the same neighborhood. The change in public perception can be aptly described by the title of an editorial in the local newspaper - “Roundabout advocates may be right.”

We highly recommend this project in the program category of Program Planning, Development and Evaluation or Operational Improvements. If you have any questions, please contact me at john.j.perry@dot.gov or 402-437-5974.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Perry".

John J. Perry, P.E.
Safety and ITS Engineer

Enclosure

cc: Virendra Singh, Lincoln Public Works and Utilities
Randy Peters, Nebraska Department of Roads