

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Vandiver Drive and Parker Street Roundabout

Comment #1

Danny Hammack dhammack@columbiahonda.com **1650 Heriford Rd, Columbia MO 65202**

We are in favor of this roundabout. This is a very dangerous intersection. We need this ASAP. Please approve this project.

Comment #2

Tim Burnam Tim.Burnam@storage-mart.com **PO Box U, Columbia, MO 65205**

I don't know for sure, but after talking with the Columbia Honda representative and the Veterans United if there was any way to speed up the time frame for this project the 3 of us would support that. I am sure other area people would support also. For our companies I would even propose that we would contribute \$5,000 to help speed the project up to being done this fall instead of 2019. Perhaps I could persuade some others to pitch in like amounts for a much earlier head start! Since this project is deemed "A Safety Issue" perhaps the council might consider this.

Comment #3

Ben Gakinya Benjamin.gakinya@parkadecenter.com **601 Bus Loop 70 W #134A, Columbia**

Benjamin Gakinya, Director of Operation, Burnam Companies, is in favor of the lot. If the design plan calls for green space within the circumference of the roundabout, I would like to adopt a spot and maintain the project on behalf of the city. Parkade Center adopted spots currently and I would love to continue this tradition as a citizen.

Comment #4

Alisha Strobe astrope@vu.com **1400 Veterans United Dr, Columbia MO 65203**

Veterans United will be moving a net of approximately 500 additional employees to work near the intersection of Vandiver and Parker. This influx of additional traffic in the area will start in Fall of 2017, so if there is any way the roundabout could be completed earlier to make the intersection safer for all drivers in the area, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Comment #5

Jason Tegerdine jtegerdine@simonassoc.net **210 Park Ave, Columbia, MO 65203**

Veterans United will be occupying 1500 Vandiver starting Fall 2017. Any way to move project schedule up to 2018? Would be willing to explore options with city staff on exiting from parking at 1500 Vandiver possibly right in and right out. Veterans United would also like a crosswalk on Heriford.

Comment #6

Darrell Knott dknott@machens.com **1200 Vandiver Dr, Columbia, MO 65202**

A roundabout at that intersection will greatly improve traffic flow and reduce hazards. It's a much needed project.

Comment #7

Joan Neumann Joan.Neumann@vu.com **704 Westmount Avenue, Columbia, MO 65203**

Strongly support the addition of this roundabout. Veterans United currently has 250 employees in 1512 Heriford Road and will have space for 675 in 1500 Vandiver as of Sept. 2017. The immediate increase will be 250 new residents from this facility as of September, with the balance moving in over the next 2 quarters. Would like the installation of this roundabout to be earlier than 2019.

Comment #8

Abby Henke ahenke0320@gmail.com **3505 Tuscany Ridge, Columbia, MO 65202**

This roundabout is desperately needed. I already spend 5-10 minutes just trying to turn from Heriford onto Vandiver every day and then an additional 10-15 minutes at the stoplights by Vandiver and Paris. With the increase in the in the amount of people who will be working here we need this more than ever. I ask you to please accelerate the time frame for this roundabout. Other than the time it takes to get home I also see a lot of frustrated drivers make unsafe decisions and am afraid it is only a matter of time before a serious traffic collision occurs because someone is tired of waiting.

Comment #9

Deborah A

Columbia, MO 65202

I will be working daily at 1500 Vandiver and would like to voice my support for the construction of the above referenced roundabout. If it is possible to construct this earlier than 2019, it would be hugely beneficial to myself and my co-workers.

Comment #10

Anonymous

I think this project needs to happen ASAP as the building at 1500 Vandiver will soon be housing 500+ employees. The traffic flow at rush hour is already an issue and waiting on this will cause problems until its completed. Please complete ASAP.

Comment #11

Christy Longbine

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I believe the roundabout at the corner of Vandiver and Parker will be a great benefit. I take Vandiver to Heriford every day to work and leaving is always a mess. Adding the roundabout will improve the safety as well as the flow of traffic. With 250+ more Veteran's United employees moving to 1500 Vandiver Drive, the roundabout being completed by the end of 2017/early 2018 would be ideal.

Comment #12

Anonymous

I feel that the Vandiver Drive and Parker Street Roundabout is a much needed travel resource for the area with the significant increase of traffic flow that will be starting due to the new VU building at 1500 Vandiver. Currently, traffic on Vandiver can be quite congested and inconvenient and I can only imagine how much worse it will become with the increase of daily work commuters. I believe it would be greatly beneficial to accelerate this project to be started/completed in 2017/early 2018. Thank you for your consideration.

Comment #13

Stephen Griggs

Columbia, MO 65202

I would like for this plan to be expedited due to the increased traffic flow expected when Veterans United moves into 1500 Vandiver. I take this route every day to and from work and it has become more congested and harder to turn on and off Vandiver. In addition, I think the city should look at adding a right turn lane at Vandiver and Paris. There is always traffic backed up during rush hour with nowhere for cars to move.

Comment #14

Jennifer Murphy

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I am writing today in support of the Vandiver Drive/Parker Street roundabout. I, obviously, work for VU and will be working in our facility there beginning this fall/winter. I live north of Vandiver, in Arcadia, and hope to ride my bicycle to work often. I will need to cross Parker and, even with the crosswalk, this makes me nervous. Cars routinely exceed the posted speed and visibility is limited because of a small rise. I also personally know someone involved in a fatality accident near this intersection. Speed and visibility were the primary factors involved in the crash. Even if I am in my car speed and visibility are a safety concern and a roundabout will help reduce speed. I also suspect the rise will be lowered, or eliminated, when the roundabout is installed. I encourage you to not only “green light” the roundabout but to also install it sooner than 2019.

Comment #15

Anonymous

This new roundabout is a necessity as more employees move into this area. It’s already a headache to turn from parker onto Vandiver as you don’t have good visibility. With the addition of several hundred commuters being added in the near future, I feel this project should be completed as soon as possible. 2019 is far too long to wait.

Comment #16

Mason Harms

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Please accelerate the completion of this project to late 2017 or early 2018 to help with the traffic flow off Vandiver as over 350 people will begin working off Vandiver in the fall of 2017 in the new Veterans United building. Thank you.

Comment #17**Anonymous**

I would like to voice my support for the Roundabout at Vandiver Drive and Parker Street. I will be working at 1500 Vandiver Drive in just a few months, along with about 500 other employees. We desperately need a solution for traffic flow at this busy intersection. People drive WAY too fast down Vandiver and it is scary turning onto the road. I like the roundabouts in Columbia and I think they have the potential to greatly reduce accidents. I do think there need to be more signs directing traffic in the roundabout. We need this solution to traffic ASAP. This should not wait until 2019, as it is already a scary intersection with many accidents.

Comment #18**Danielle Ewatt**

Please accelerate this to 2017, if possible. VU will employ approximately 650 people in this new building, adding about 400 people to the traffic flow every day.

Comment #19**Anonymous**

I would like to submit my request for consideration of moving the date of roundabout up earlier than 2019. I am an employee at Veterans United Home Loans that uses this road daily and exit and enters this road many times a day due to my schedule. With the addition of over 600 employees being added to the location on Vandiver I am very fearful of what this will do to this already incredibly busy road. I also believe the addition of this roundabout will aid in decreasing the speed of its travelers and keeping the public safe.

Comment #20**Tara Dometrorch**

The installment of the roundabout is on my daily commute upon returning to VUHL's new location at 1500 Vandiver. Due to the increased traffic that will result from the building opening at 1500 Vandiver, it would be appreciated if it was considered to move up the timeframe for installment of the roundabout. There is already a great deal of congestion, and adding 400 more commuters will make it worse.

Comment #21

Caytlyn Smith smith.caytlyn@yahoo.com **3001 S Providence Rd, Columbia, MO 65203**

I am in full support of adding the roundabout earlier than later. This will help tremendously with traffic flow and reduce the likelihood of excessive daily backups.

Comment #22

Stephanie Lawrence Stephanie.lawrence@vu.com **1400 Veterans United Dr, Columbia MO 65203**

Considering existing traffic is what some would describe as a dreadful nightmare with staffing at the current Veterans United building equating to ~250 employees, it is hard to imagine what traffic is going to look like once the new Veterans United building is established and housing 650+ employees. With this in mind, any way to alleviate traffic immediately, including building a roundabout at the corner of Vandiver and Parker, is highly encouraged and supported, not just for Veteran's United's sake, but also for the sake of the surrounding local community.

Comment #23

Chelsea Burris **2012 W Ash G-09, Columbia MO 65203**

I currently work at Veterans United Home Loans. The situation at the intersection of Vandiver and Parker is currently dangerous and difficult around 5pm. This problem will be exacerbated when several hundred additional people are using the intersection. I support the proposed roundabout, which will help to ease the traffic flow. However, I believe it would be best if this project was completed prior to 2019.

Comment #24

Ryan Martin **3705 Forum Blvd, Apt 216, Columbia MO 65203**

I am in support of this project. I also would like to see the timeline on this project to be earlier than 2019. I work for Veterans United and will be working out of the building at 1500 Vandiver. We will initially have more than 500 employees in that building with the capacity for more. I fear that when we all leave at 5 the congestion that it will cause on Vandiver will not only be bad for the employees in that building, but anyone else that utilizes that road at that time. I feel as though this roundabout will help with that issue and keep a nice constant flow of traffic.

Comment #25

Tanner Dodson tanner.dodson@vu.com **601 Wolf Trail, Columbia MO 65201**

I fully support the addition of a roundabout at the intersection of Parker Street and Vandiver Drive, and strongly encourage the city to complete the project in 2017, or at the latest, in 2018. I am an employee of Veterans United Home Loans, and work in the building near this intersection, which currently houses roughly 250 employees. Traffic on Vandiver is already horrendous and dangerous as it is. Come later this year, we will expand into the new building on Vandiver, with an additional 500-650 employees. There is no way the current road infrastructure can support this increase in traffic. Please take action ASAP!!!

Comment #26

Beth Sapp bsapp50@yahoo.com

I would like to recommend the roundabout project be expedited. As a former Columbia Police officer, I worked many accidents at this intersection. Typically these were serious accidents at this intersection. Typically these were serious accidents too with injuries and totaled vehicles due to the high rate of speed that some people travel and the lack of visibility. I feel that this is a dangerous intersection. With increased traffic expected this fall from VU and growing business in the area, I believe completing this project sooner than later would be safest.

Comment #27

Brandy McClair brandy.mcclain@veteransunited.com **1500 Vandiver, Columbia MO 65202**

I would highly encourage the project slated to put in a new roundabout at Vandiver Drive and Parker Street. I understand the project is estimated to start in 2019. However, as an employee traveling this intersection daily it would help with the traffic flow and safety if the project was completed sooner than 2019.

Comment #28

Kristina Vinson kvinson@vu.com **415 Quail Run Road, Iberia MO 65486**

Veterans United Home Loans will be moving to a new building at 1500 Vandiver. We're moving over 500 Operations employees into that building by October 2017. We're concerned with the flow of traffic during the hours of 8-9AM and 5-6PM. Adding a roundabout would help slow traffic down and hopefully allow our employees to safely enter and exit work. I'm hoping that along with a roundabout the timing of the lights at Rangeline and Paris Road will also be looked at closely especially with such a drastic increase in the number of employees being added at once. In my opinion, a roundabout won't help with the congestion at both ends of the street.

Comment #29

LoriAnn Houchen lorien.houchen@optioncare.com

As an employee of Option Care, which is located off of Vandiver at Westfall and Heriford, I would like to affirm the request to move up the timeline for the proposed roundabout at Vandiver Drive and Parker Street. Once Veterans United moves into the old unemployment building, their workforce is going to almost double. There have been multiple fender-benders at every intersection near this proposed project, due to the high volume of traffic in and out of the businesses on Heriford Road, and additional incidents seem almost unavoidable at this rate of growth. It would seem to make sense to try and get out ahead of the increased volume of traffic sooner rather than later.

Comment #30

Michael Howell mph6346@gmail.com 3601 Danvers Drive, Columbia MO 65203

I believe a roundabout on Vandiver and Parker is a necessity. While I am glad it is in the plans, please, if at all possible, move up the timeline for completion to late 2017 – early 2018. The current traffic is difficult, not with an additional 200 cars (minimum)—moving out to an additional 400 cars—will create a log jam that no one should deal with. Please consider the impending extra traffic as you set your timelines.

Comment #31

Jeff Christie jchristie@vu.com

As an employee of Veterans United who has seen the serious traffic (and safety) issues posed by the current intersection, I strongly support this project, and even ask that it be prioritized for 2017.

Comment #32

Jami Allen jami.allen@veteransunited.com 2301 Primrose Dr #4A, Columbia MO 65202

Please accelerate the plan to build the roundabout at the corner of Vandiver and Parker to late 2017 to help with traffic flow as Veterans United grows in that area. It currently takes a lot of time to get out of that area and turning on to Vandiver is dangerous.

Comment #33

Jenna Kalleberg jenna.kalleberg@gmail.com 2203 Bear Creek Drive, Columbia MO 65202

I think this project will be very beneficial for the residents off Parker Street. I recently moved from this area and this intersection was dangerous, and will become more so with increased traffic. I believe this project should be completed as soon as possible to protect people trying to merge on to Vandiver with a hill on one side and a curve on the other.

Comment #34**Craig Dunn**cdunn@vu.com**543 W Hickam, Columbia MO 65203**

Please consider moving up the date of construction of the roundabout at Vandiver and Parker. As an employee of Veterans United it would be hugely beneficial to my daily commute. Thanks.

Comment #35**Anonymous**

I'd like to express concern that the roundabout planned for Vandiver/Parker isn't scheduled until 2019. I work at Veterans United Home Loans, and with the amount of employees we currently have at our 1512 Hereford location we already have a hard time pulling out onto Vandiver to leave at the end of the day. We are going to more than double the amount of employees when we move into our new location at 1500 Vandiver this fall, and the traffic situation is going to really get backed up. I would like to voice my support for moving up this project to late 2017 or early 2018, to help with the traffic flow we will all experience.

Comment #36**Patrick Murphy**pmurphy1023@gmail.com**911 Wingate Dr, Boonville MO 65233**

I work off Heriford Road. Due to the massive increase in traffic slated for Fall 2017 as VU occupies 1500 Vandiver Drive, I feel this project should be pushed forward sooner. The result of a 20119 build date will be increased auto accidents and possibly loss of life.

Comment #37**Amanda Yager**ayager05@att.net**803 N Kentucky, Mexico MO 65265**

I would like to comment on the roundabout at Vandiver and Parker. This would be a huge convenience to traffic during the 5:00 pm hour while people are trying to commute home. Right now with Veterans United having a building on Heriford, the stop sign at Parker gets backed up quickly, so then traffic moves down Heriford where traffic also backs up quickly and then has to pause should there be any tow trucks needing into the lot on Heriford between the stop sign and stop light. If the city is able to move the roundabout project up to 2017 or early 2018 this would be a tremendous help for the congestion in the area, especially with another, bigger, Veterans United building coming to the area. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, concerned commuter.

Comment #38

Angela Slayton

In 4th quarter 2017, we will be moving to the office at 1500 Vandiver. This move results in a significant increase in the number of employees that will be working from this location. We currently have around 250 employees at our current location at 1512 Heriford. This will increase to over 500 employees at the Vandiver site, with the potential of up to 650 employees long term. This increase in the number of employees will result in a significant increase in the traffic leaving that location on to Vandiver. This has the potential for major traffic backups, additional accidents and overall traffic issues. I would like to voice my support for the Roundabout at Vandiver and Parker project. This would ease the traffic flow exiting the new office site as well as the current traffic. I would also encourage you to consider completing this project sooner than 2019, given that traffic is going to more than double from what we have at our current location. Thank you.

Comment #39

Anonymous

I fully support this project, but ask that it be moved up from the projected 2019 date. With the opening of the new Veterans United Home Loans location at 1500 Vandiver and the increase of ~400 people, a traffic solution is needed much earlier.

Comment #40

Sue M. Adams sue.adams@veteransunited.com **3004 Badger Court, Columbia MO 65202**

Sometime in the 4th quarter of this year I will be moving into the Veterans United building on Vandiver. As we increase our employee number in that building to 500 with growth of up to 650, I'm concerned about the traffic impact this is going to have. I am voicing my support for the Vandiver and Parker project. This would help a great deal. Sooner the better.

Comment #41

LeAnn Fossum **14151 N Route E** **Harrisburg, MO 65256**

I am in support of a roundabout at Parker Street and Vandiver and would like to voice support to have said project's completion time more up to fall/winter 2017. In quarter 4 of 2017 my office will be at 1500 Vandiver with over 500 of my co-workers joining me there. This more than doubles the current traffic we bring to 1512 Heriford currently which will undoubtedly add to traffic congestion/backups which will likely lend to increased wrecks as well.

Comment #42

Alex Reinert alex.reinert@vu.com

I am writing to you to express my concern about the growing issue relating to the traffic on Vandiver Rd, north of I-70. I was made aware of a potential plan to place a roundabout at Vandiver and Parker to help the flow of traffic more smoothly and I wanted to voice my agreeance with this plan. As an employee in the area, it is vastly more complicated to get home due to the excessive traffic blockage on Vandiver, particularly in the evening. Additionally, I am aware of the growing number of employees that will be commuting home on that same path starting this fall, which would make the problem much more dire to everyone on this route. I would like to request that we push this agenda through as soon as possible for the betterment of the community at large to help ease the traffic issues now before it becomes a larger issue, preferably by the start of next year, 2018. If there is anything further information you would request of me, please feel free to follow up!

Comment #43

Alex Kluesner alex.luesner@veteransunited.com 1400 Forum Blvd Ste 19A Columbia MO 65203

As an employee of Veterans United at the Vandiver location the roundabout at Vandiver Dr. would be a HUGE relief for our commute every day. Our newest location going in (1500 Vandiver Dr.) will have 650 employees at that who will be driving that route every day and causing a lot of traffic. A roundabout will help the traffic not only for our employers but for everyone that uses Vandiver Dr. every day.

Comment #44

Frank M. O'Brien IV frank.obrien@vu.com

Veterans United will be moving into the office 1500 Vandiver. There are currently about 250 employees that work at 1512 Heriford, and traffic is already terrible. Once the 1500 Vandiver office is filled, that will be a potential addition of 400 more employees, with an entrance added to Vandiver. With that many people added, the potential for more traffic and accidents will severely increase. I would highly support the Roundabout at Vandiver and Parker project, as well as support it beginning sooner, as traffic is guaranteed to increase before 2019.

Comment #45

Jeralyn Stuart

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I work for Veterans United Home Loans and will be moving to the new location on Vandiver later this fall. I have worked in the office off Heriford for two and a half years and can attest to the severe traffic congestion which occurs at certain times of the day (morning, lunch hour, end of workday). The increase in workers moving to the new location will dramatically increase this already strained intersection. I was pleased to hear the plans to construct a roundabout at this location as it will force people to travel both east or west. I understand there is a possibility of moving the project timeline up, and I would encourage this as once the office is open, there will be an immediate increase in traffic volume. Thank you for your time.

Comment #46

Kevin Stoll

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I am writing you in regards to the Vandiver Drive and Parker Street roundabout. This intersection already had a good amount of flow and with the addition of a very large office space filling in the old state office buildings on Heriford Drive, this congestion will only grow. I believe a roundabout would greatly reduce this extra traffic flow. Thank you for your consideration.

Comment #47

Lauren Bianco

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Please prioritize this project! We would love to see it completed sooner than 2019! Thank you for your consideration.

Comment #48

Nikki Miller

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I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider moving up the date to install the Vandiver roundabout. It would make my getting to and from work much easier.

Comment #49

Carolyn Donley

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We need this roundabout at Parker & Vandiver before 2019! This is already a very busy intersection and I have seen way too many accidents at this intersection. Now with a very busy business with hundreds of employees and the traffic going to increase we need this roundabout done ASAP. I have been driving this area for ten years and the traffic and speed of the cars keep going up. Please consider doing this within the year! Thank you!

Comment #50

Steve Keers

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I would like to voice my support for the project and I think it would be extremely beneficial to fast track this project into late 2017 or early 2018. With Veterans United moving into 1500 Vandiver later this summer, there will be several hundred more people driving through this even that were not doing so previously. With respect to the other local businesses and nearby residents, a roundabout would be most beneficial with maintaining steady traffic flow and limit heavy backup at the beginning and end of work days.

Comment #51

Kati Abbott

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I recommend implementing the traffic circle sooner (2017) rather than later. Living in this area, traffic is already bad at 5pm at this intersection, as well as at the double light at Oakland Gravel/Paris Road and Vandiver. Adding another large employer to this area, traffic should be addressed sooner and not wait two or more years.

Comment #52

Abby Shipman

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I will be working at 1500 Vandiver this fall. I feel with the move of our company and doubling the employees in this already busy area, a roundabout is necessary to improve traffic flow & safety for drivers & residents commuting in that area. It's extremely difficult to make turns transitioning from Parker to Vandiver, as cross traffic doesn't stop on Vandiver. As we're moving in a few short months, I would like to show support for this project being completed as early as possible. It will likely be a huge undertaking, but I feel the sooner the impending traffic congestion has a solution & resolution, the better.

Comment #53

Elke Boyd

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I was unable to attend the public meeting about the planned Vandiver/Parker roundabout on May 10th. I both drive and cycle on Vandiver and Parker regularly and I have some comments about the layout. Please accept my comments this way. I have attached a markup of the preliminary drawing from the Public Works website.