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Report of the Roundabout Task Force
Disability Advisory Commission
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- One Commission Member expressed a preference for pedestrian-actuated Accessible Pedestrian Signals in all circumstances.

- The Commission should encourage research new technologies to assist Visually Impaired Pedestrians (VIPs) in knowing whether there is stopped or oncoming traffic in a roundabout.

- If the City does construct or allow the construction of a roundabout, it is recommended that the following design elements be incorporated to improve access for persons with disabilities:
 1. Ensure connecting sidewalks on all sides of the roundabout are installed at the same time a roundabout is installed.

 2. The landscaping strip should be aligned to provide directional cues to the blind pedestrians on the corners of the roundabout.

 3. Consider adding some sort of cue as to the location of the curb ramp if it is not apparent from the path of the sidewalk.

- It is recommended the City seek to educate the public, including persons with disabilities, about roundabouts. This may include developing tactile models, and providing opportunities, if feasible, for pedestrians with disabilities and Orientation & Mobility Specialists to experience the roundabout before it is open to traffic.