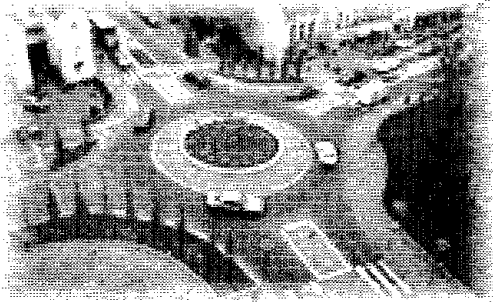
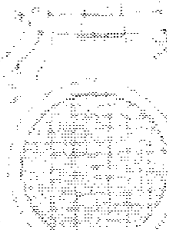


# THE ROUNDABOUT . . . MAKING BELIEVERS OF SKEPTICS

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The Lincroft Village Green Association deserves enormous credit for their creative research, their energy in taking imaginative ideas to the public, and their talent for making believers from skeptics.

They first presented the concept of the Roundabout as a possible solution to the clogged artery of Newman Springs Road (County Road 520). It was also proposed as one part of the solution of "calming" traffic as it passed through Lincroft Village.

The county engineers were skeptical. But Tom Giannechini, then the Monmouth County Engineer, promised the Lincroft Village Green Association that it would take the concept back to the office for further study.

Giannechini, a Lincroft resident, has since retired, but faithful to its promise, the Monmouth County Engineering Department began to study the viability of a roundabout.

Originally, the Lincroft Village Green Association envisioned a large roundabout at the entrance of Brookdale Community College, consuming a large amount of property from Brookdale Community College Campus and the Lincroft Bible Church campus.

Monmouth County Engineering Department under the leadership of Joseph M. Ettore, P.E., P.P. County Engineer, refined the concept as initially proposed. Said Ettore, "Monmouth County has undertaken a corridor study of Route 520, from Holmdel to Shrewsbury. We have identified a number of areas that need improvement. We are working closely with Middletown professional staff and the Lincroft Village Green Association.

The open meeting convened by mayor Joan Smith on December 20, 2004 was a "fact finding" for the Township Committee and Middletown's professional staff. Committeemen Tom Hall; Rosemarie Peters, Pat Parkinson and ----- in addition to the mayor were in attendance. There was no public partition nor were questioned received from the audience since it was a "fact finding" session. ----- associate designers gave a presentation of successful installations of roundabouts throughout the U.S.; notably in Florida, - and -

It was quickly established that a "roundabout" was not comparable to a "circle," as the one below Collingwood, which essentially has a high speed entrance.

Other alternatives were considered to solve Brookdale Community College traffic problems including widening Rt 520 at that location to form two lanes. It was at that point that the engineers came to study a less conventional solution to the problem: The roundabout.

Another solution considered was a signalized intersection with jughandles. The existing traffic signal would be improved, eliminating a left-hand turn into the BCC driveway. This proposal takes left-hand turns out and puts jughandles in to improve traffic flow into the Lincroft Bible Church and BCC.

The engineers also proposed closing off existing egress at the Lincroft Post Office. There would only be one entrance to the post office. Patrons would have to use the jughandle to go east.

Committeewoman Rosemarie Peters challenged that there would not be room within the Post Office parking lot to back up and turn around. Consideration for a widened area for parking at the Post Office might have to be addressed.\