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Dear Reuben,

We hope this message finds you well. We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the efforts you and your team are making in reviewing the public comments related to the CFI-Shifted Pillow proposal for the Pinehurst Traffic Circle. We are looking forward to collaborating with you on this important initiative.

We also appreciate NC-DOT's adoption of two key recommendations from our January 2023 letter to your predecessor, Patrick Norman, specifically the lane dividers and increased overhead signage. We believe these changes have helped enhance traffic flow and safety.

As you know, on August 13th the Village of Pinehurst (VOP) Council unanimously adopted resolution 24-28, which reflects our commitment to addressing the traffic challenges at the circle. Considering our previous discussions, we thought it might be helpful to share some potential improvement suggestions we have received from our constituents. We have categorized these ideas as follows:

- A. Short-term Suggestions
- B. Long-term Suggestions
- C. Data & Collaboration Suggestions

Some of these suggestions may necessitate legislative approval and cooperation from the various jurisdictions affected by the traffic circle.

We are eager to work together with Division 8 to develop effective solutions for improving traffic flow around the circle and are optimistic about the positive impact this collaboration can achieve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Patrick Pizzella, Mayor

Doug Willardson, Village Manager

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Short-term Suggestions

- Install rumble strips in select locations on approaching roads and within the circle
- Additional road signage approaching the circle to guide proper lane selection
- Add additional lane dividers as appropriate for entering and exiting the circle
- Consider reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH in the circle and on approaching roads
- Increase enforcement of speed limits

Long-term Suggestions

- Open tunneling from the busiest roads
- Utilize AI technology to regulate traffic flow
- Re-explore the option of a tunnel or overpass connecting 15-501 North to South
- Install stop lights to sequence entry into the Circle at peak hours
- Implement a Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

Data & Collaboration Suggestions

- Collaborate closely with the National Park Service and SHPO
- Acquire updated information from Moore County municipalities since the 2013 Travel Demand Model for current population growth projections
- Introduce speed detection cameras
- Factor in all current land use plan updates taking place in the county
- Update origin-destination studies