# **Board of Supervisors**

Meeting Time: 02-26-25 09:00

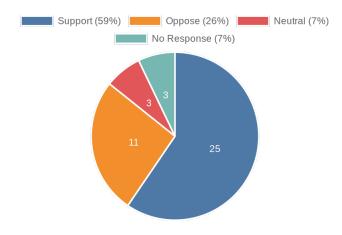
# **eComments Report**

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Board of Supervisors	02-26-25 09:00	11	42	25	11	3

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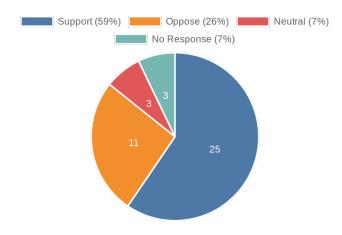
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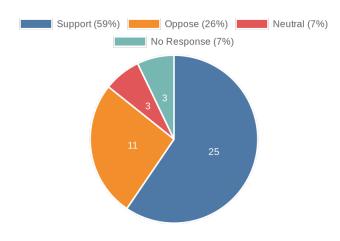
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# **Overall Sentiment**



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#### **Overall Sentiment**



# **Paul Kelly**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 10:41am 02-26-25

I am a resident of Valley Center and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve this Plan that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. Thank you. Paul Kelly, 13204 Hillstar Lane, Valley Center, CA 92082

#### **James Garritson**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 10:04am 02-26-25

I am opposed to roundabouts in Valley Center. We have seen how quickly fires can move throughout a region. Valley Center Road is a highway and the main entrance and exit for people living in Valley Center. Please keep Valley Center Road a safe highway with traffic signals. The roundabout proposal is dangerous--especially when considering the dangers of fire. Miller Road does not need a roundabout. It needs a traffic signal.

#### michelle Bothof

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 9:25am 02-26-25

Oppose roundabouts on the primary exit route from our high fire risk community of Valley Center. The cost, the problems with evacuations in a highly rural/agricultural area, and lack of alternate route makes them prohibitive.

# **Alma Plancarte**

Location: 92026, Escondido Submitted At: 9:25am 02-26-25

imagine an old lady like me driving in a panic, scared, flustered with tears in my eyes Hualing a trailer full of farm

animals with my truck and come to the roundabout and I flip... why? because my trailer is heavy and hard to maneuver on a regular curb. on the roundabouts in full panic mode, it's impossible. Now imagine hundreds of me. Blood on our hands if we flip and block our neighbors from being able to get out in an emergency situation. Please don't do this to us. Do not allow the round abouts to become an obstacle in an emergency exit.

## **Jeff Doporto**

Location: 92082, Valley center Submitted At: 9:24am 02-26-25

Roundabouts are not the answer. I agree they need to slow traffic down a make is safer for the communities. Why is there such a push against traffic lights?

I strongly oppose these Roundabouts

#### **Susy Strang**

Location: 92082, valley center Submitted At: 9:18am 02-26-25

I am 100% for slowing traffic, but I 1000% oppose the proposed roundabouts in the Valley Center Area.

# **Diane Strang**

Location: 92078, Valley Center Submitted At: 9:07am 02-26-25

I am all for more traffic control, but I oppose roundabouts in the Valley Center area. Roundabouts is NOT the answer.

# Elizabeth Stehly

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 7:44am 02-26-25

Please support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Though not ideal, it is a first step toward improving traffic flow and safety in our community. As a 40 year resident of this community I have witnessed its growth and the need for traffic calming and serious/fatal accident reduction. One roundabout is hardly going to do that, but hopefully it will prove to the naysayers that the research is credible and they will embrace future roundabouts to reduce speed and serious/fatal accidents, make for safer evacuations and ensure that Valley Center Road does not become an extension of Escondido's Valley Parkway.

# **Kristy Brown**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 6:11am 02-26-25

This intersection is very difficult to get out of if you are trying to go eastbound. It needs a light, set only to turn when someone is there, not a round about. The round about will only slow the traffic not allow people coming out of there to make the turn necessary. I've heard you're putting a light at Indian Creek, which I think would be of better use at Miller. Miller has much more traffic than Indian Creek. Put the round about at Indian Creek and the stop light at Miller. Not that I want anymore stoplights but I do recognize when there is a need. Miller is a need. From experience, making a left turn from Miller onto eastbound VC road is extremely dangerous and very difficult at most times during the day and evening. So much so that I won't even go that way. Instead I choose to go all the way around to Cole Grade Rd. Please don't create anymore logistic nightmares for our town. It's already bad enough.

#### John Downing

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 6:08am 02-26-25

The Valley Center Dark Sky Advocates are concerned about street lighting to be used in the corridor. It appears that street lighting in and around the Park Circle development does not comply with Zone A lighting restrictions. Please do not repeat this mistake. In addition: please note that 2700 or 3000 Kelvin LED but this light is not necessarily comparable to the low-pressure sodium or narrow spectrum amber LED outlined in the County's Light Pollution Chapter (County Light Pollution Chapter of Municipal Code: Please ensure that the proper narrow spectrum amber LEDs are sourced and installed where LPS is not used. Thank you for the opportunity to voice support for the protection of Valley Center's night sky, on behalf of the Valley Center Dark Sky Advocates and all

citizens who understand the need to protect our night skies and stop adding light pollution to our community.

#### **Cathy Handzel**

Location: 92105-3233, San Diego Submitted At: 11:01pm 02-25-25

Regarding lighting in the project area, please note that 2700 or 3000 Kelvin LED may seem an attractive alternative, but this light is not necessarily comparable to the low-pressure sodium or narrow spectrum amber LED outlined in the County's Light Pollution Chapter (County Light Pollution Chapter of Municipal Code: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san\_diego/latest/sandiego\_regs/0-0-0-76851 An LED may appear "warm" on the color temperature scale, but a low-pressure sodium light emits a nearly monochromatic yellow light due to its very narrow spectrum. LEDs normally have a much broader spectrum with a noticeable presence of BLUE LIGHT which is not desirable in 'Zone A'. Please ensure that the proper narrow spectrum amber LEDs are sourced and installed where LPS is not used. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and voice support for the protection of Valley Center's night sky, on behalf of DarkSky San Diego County.

# Dave Bohorquez

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 9:39pm 02-25-25

While I am not a resident in Valley Center, I am a business owner with a heavy stake in the decision you will be making today. I am all for more traffic control. Roundabouts seem to be a current fad. but I'm not opposed to them.

What I cannot abide with is the current iteration showing solid center medians along the entire corridor. This will be extremely detrimental to not only my business, but several others along the main road. When the County Implemented emininent domain on our property to widen the road, we lost access from Old Road. Customers used to be able to turn left on Old Road, and cross in front of the building to reach the other side. Now the road and walking trail are too close to the building...possibly not even meeting current standards. Now, if there is a single vehicle filling up on the dispensers on the Old Rd side, no vehicles can enter or exit onto Old Road. Further restriction of access by placing a solid median in front will be devastating.

#### **Anjeanette Bowman**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 8:57pm 02-25-25

I've been a resident of Valley Center for 11 years and have been here through all of the change thus far.

Putting in a roundabout at Miller and VC Road is a horrible idea. I believe a light would make the most sense and cause the least amount of accidents in that area. Not to mention the impact that a round about would have during emergency evacuations.

We have seen how the roundabout at VC Road and the 76 has worked out. Lots of accidents and not worth it for the cost it took.

I'd rather see the funds used to make the 76 two lanes each way so the traffic that goes through VC Road can be diverted to the 76.

I strongly oppose this idea and vote for a street light at Miller.

# Robert Littlejohn

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 8:29pm 02-25-25

I am a member of the Valley Center Community Planning Group and have lived in Valley Center for over seven years.

I trust that all four supervisors will act today to make Valley Center safer, more attractive and country cool. It's in your hands.

Would roundabouts and other features of this plan detract from our rural character? Start with bike lanes. There are few riders today because it is unsafe, not because there are no riders. Center medians? With the right intersections and protected turn lanes, medians can look good and allow access to businesses.

What reminds me most of suburbia, however, is one traffic light after another. In contrast, imagine a rodeo statue, an explosion of succulents, or simply a Welcome to Valley Center landmark in the middle of a roundabout.

Please vote yes for this plan, vote to fund the Miller Road roundabout PIR, and consider adding an entry roundabout at Woods Valley to the plan approved today, as well.

#### **Holly Soliz**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 7:57pm 02-25-25

Roundabout is a terrible and dangerous idea! For this location. Street light is a much safer and better option! We already have too many accidents around town. We need more traffic control not something that is going to promote even more accidents and loss of life!

#### BC

Location: 92082

Submitted At: 7:53pm 02-25-25

As a third generation Valley Centerite who can tell you the order that stop signs and stoplights went in on VC Rd., Please don't put a round about on Valley Center Rd. and Miller Rd. We've been evacuated for fires before and this would be catastrophic with the new developments that will already block traffic. And the number of stop lights proposed is ridiculous. You are already going to cause enough issues with the one at the top of the grade. The round abouts will delay emergency responders and create more traffic back up than we already have. The roundabout at VC Rd and the 76 has had a bunch of accidents. Put in a light if you have to, but leave the roundabout out of the equation. I do not support this proposal.

# **Ashley Scolamieri**

Location: 92082-5965, Valley Center Submitted At: 7:37pm 02-25-25

I am absolutely against a round about at Miller. I believe it's a terrible idea and if something must go in I'd rather see a stop light. I am sick of how many lights we've already installed and a round about won't help our already crowded streets or help the crazy drivers we see hauling thru town. I am opposed to a round about at Miller.

#### Sarah Sanchez

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 7:33pm 02-25-25

As a resident of Miller Rd. who uses this intersection daily, I strongly oppose the proposed roundabout. This decision directly endangers my family and our community. A stoplight is the safer, more practical solution.

A roundabout here will create bottlenecks during emergency evacuations, delay emergency response times, and increase hazards on this high-speed, high-traffic road—especially for those towing livestock. Valley Center already faces long emergency response times, and with limited evacuation routes, this project puts us at greater risk. The failed roundabout at Valley Center Rd. and Highway 76 proves this is the wrong choice.

I am not against roundabouts where appropriate, but this intersection needs a stoplight to ensure safety. I urge decision-makers to reconsider.

#### Jenn Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29pm 02-25-25

Does not need a roundabout. You need a street light.

#### Robert Tupper

Location: 92082, Valley Center

Submitted At: 3:41pm 02-25-25

We are residents of Valley Center for over thirty five years. We have witnessed the demise of our community all the while. We need to slow down the speed of vehicles on Valley Center Road. The roundabout are a safe idea and we have plenty of evidence to support their use. PLEASE SUPPORT VCRCCP.

#### **Mark Wesley**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 3:36pm 02-25-25

I am a 10 year resident of Valley Center and I strongly support the Valley Center Corridor Concept Plan.

I support the corridor plan and believe in roundabouts throughout the corridor and for future development on Cole Grade Road would be "safer," provide character, add efficiency provide & foundation for growth The data shows that there are less fatalities with roundabouts and they reduce the speed of drivers and ideal for this corridor. I am avid cyclist but Valley Center road is unsafe for bike riders and intimidating for walkers to navigate this corridor now.

Valley Center is a vibrant and growing community and roundabouts are important for the safety of its children, residents and development of the culture and character as it continues to evolve as a community.

Roundabouts are objectively safer, first priority being Miller Rd, and future roundabouts at Cole Grade, Woods Valley, etc. would serve our community and its children's safety now and well into the future Thank you.

# james nielsen

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 2:03pm 02-25-25

I am a resident of Valley Center, and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve this Plan that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. Additional roundabouts would make the road even better. Thank you.

#### Joaquin Aganza

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 1:06pm 02-25-25

I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. As a 25 year resident of Valley Center I consider roundabouts to be a superior solution to traffic flow and safety when compared to typical intersections. Roundabouts are safer by reducing serious accidents and reduce pollution by eliminating red light idling.

#### Patrick Malloy

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 11:27am 02-25-25

I support the VCRCCP. I understand that the recommendation to support could pave the way, towards a total of 4 roundabouts, as noted in the 2022 plan. That would be ideal.

You see, where I live, in the midst of this corridor, no one drives 45mph. more like 60 mph + and aggressive, you indicate a turn onto Valley Center Road and drivers actually speed up to thwart you. Law enforcement is doing their best, but the road itself with roundabouts is designed to assist them by simultaneously keeping the flow going, and calming the rate of speed.

Roundabouts, don't call in sick, they aren't busy pulling someone over, they work during power outages (we get about 5 a year, and it backs the traffic up into Escondido) and they conform with the Valley Center Community Plan- a rural area with two distinct villages for denser housing and shopping. More roundabouts is a good thing, a forward thinking, charming county feel kind of community thing- Please support this plan- Thanks, Patrick Malloy

#### **Barbara GARCIA**

Location: 92082, Valley Center

Submitted At: 10:42am 02-25-25

Being a resident of Valley Center, I support this plan since I feel it will greatly improve traffic flow. Valley Center is expanding and I fear that the traffic in the future without such an improvement will be dreadful. Therefore I am requesting you to please vote to approve this plan. Thank you.

#### Andrew Noll

Location: 92082-6973, Valley Center Submitted At: 9:53am 02-25-25

I am a resident of Park Circle and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. We need a plan to provide safe roads for our community. Roundabouts reduce accidents and deaths while providing a calming traffic flow especially, during high traffic times an emergencies. I support the plan and would like at least one more roundabout at the Valley Parkway/Woods Valley intersection. Our community in Park Circle consists of 2,700 people and we send \$8MM+ in tax funds to the county and should see some return of services that we pay for. For the safety off the current and future residents in growing Valley Center safer roads should be made a priority. Thank you, Andy Noll

# **Lael Montgomery**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 9:46am 02-25-25

Dear Supervisor Desmond,

I am a resident of Valley Center and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve this Plan that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. More roundabouts would make it much better, please. Thank you

#### Kristie LeBlanc

Location: 92061, Pauma Valley Submitted At: 9:08am 02-25-25

i am a resident of Pauma Valley and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. PLEASE vote to APPROVE this plan that will greatly approve the safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. THANK YOU !!!!!

# **Shanley Miller**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 8:38am 02-25-25

I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. I was living in Normal Heights when the traffic circles were added and it made a big improvement to the neighborhood. Yes, it took a little bit for everyone to get used to it but now they are so easy to use and have improved safety and environmental concerns. Please vote to approve this Plan. Thank you.

#### **Kevin Smith**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 7:43pm 02-24-25

I ask you to support the Corridor Concept Plan.

The initial objections to roundabouts described them as less safe. When multiple studies and real-world implementations disproved their claims, objectors added new ones at each community meeting. ALL claims were refuted by data from county planners, third-party studies and local residents. Despite that, most objectors refused compromise and continued to demand zero roundabouts.

When considered carefully, objectors' arguments are emotionally based. I respect those strong emotions and labored to accommodate them as this Plan progressed. Personal emotions are not wrong but in this case are not supported by the facts; we cannot let emotions override the true safety advantages of roundabouts.

They will result in fewer fatalities, increased traffic flow, better emergency evacuations, calmer drivers, fuel and cost savings. I strongly encourage the Board to adopt the VCRCCP with priority given to funding the engineering study for Miller Road.

# **Robert Woolley**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 3:31pm 02-24-25

I am a long time resident and business in Valley Center. I whole heartedly support the Valley Center Corridor Concept plan. Please vote to approve this plan that will enhance the safety and traffic flow on Valley Center road for all users. The plan as presented to Valley Center community planning group was approved.

Thank-you!
Robert Woolley

#### William Leonard

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 1:23pm 02-24-25

San Diego Supervisors, I am a resident of Valley Center and support the VCRCC. Please approve/adopt the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. This Plan was approved by the VCCommunity Planning Group and would improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center which is vastly becoming dangerous. Thankyou.

# **Joanna Woolley**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 1:21pm 02-24-25

I am a long time resident of Valley Center, and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve the Valley Center Road Corridor Plan. It will greatly improve the traffic safety and traffic flow in this area.

I am fully in support of all aspects of this plan and in particular the roundabouts - they are much safer than traffic lights and help to control the traffic congestion really well. The plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Group.

Thank-you.

#### Jo Rudolf

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 11:45am 02-24-25

I am a resident of Valley Center and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve this Plan that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. Whenever you can, please MORE ROUNDABOUTS! Thank you.

#### RoseAnne Noll

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 11:29am 02-24-25

Dear Jim Desmond,

Please approve the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan (the "Plan") as presented by the County of San Diego - Planning and Development Services, and approved in February 2024 by the Valley Center Community Planning Group (VCCPG). This plan will greatly improve the safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road. I have written to you, spoke to your staff, communicated with the CHP staff, and spoke to Carl DeMaio's staff. It appears that no one is taking responsibility for the high rate of accidents and deaths in Valley Center. This plan has to be approved! Lives depend on it!

Sincerely,

Rose Anne Noll

# **Amy Cooper**

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 11:21am 02-24-25

Hello San Diego Supervisors, I am a resident of Valley Center and am asking that each of you vote to approve /

support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan which would keep our community safe as well as taking into considering the flow of traffic. This Plan was approved the VCCommunity Planning Group. Thankyou for your consideration.

#### Richard Rudolf

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 5:37pm 02-23-25

I am a resident of Valley Center and I support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote to approve this Plan that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group. More roundabouts would make it much better, please. Thank you.

#### **Hiroko Holmes**

Location: 92027, Escondido Submitted At: 5:19pm 02-23-25

I support the Valley Center Corridor Concept Plan. Please vote in favor of it.

Thank you.

# Joseph Veltri

Location: 92082-5844, VALLEY CENTER

Submitted At: 9:45am 02-23-25

Please support the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan and Ordinance. To increase traffic flow and reduce accidents, I would rather see more roundabouts than traffic signals. I have driven these roads for more than half a century and can attest to the increased danger caused by more traffic on the same roads.

Thank you

# Pamela Thiessen

Location: 92061, Pauma Valley Submitted At: 6:32am 02-23-25

Hello, I am a resident of Pauma Valley and am writing in support of the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan and Ordinance. Please vote to support and pass this plan.

I drive this corridor every day, either to my job in Kearney Mesa, or to visit family in Escondido. The traffic volume has dramatically increased in recent years with the addition of hundreds of homes at Park Circle and beyond, with more on the horizon. The wreckless driving, speeding, red light infractions, and resulting accidents have all become a constant threat to our community. Roundabouts are proven to reduce these infractions, improve traffic flow, and work extremely well all around the US and the world.

Sedona, AZ is a similar community to VC, in fire danger and livestock hauling/camper traffic. Their multilple roundabouts are a vast improvement over lights and allow smoother emergency evacuation. Locally, the roundabout at VC Rd and Hwy 76 has greatly reduced the incidents in that location. Thank You!

# Randy Liuag

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 10:41pm 02-21-25

I am a resident of Valley Center and I support the Valley Center Corridor Concept Plan.

I support the corridor plan and believe more roundabouts throughout the corridor would be safer, more ascetically pleasing, and more efficient. There are less fatalities with roundabouts, they reduce the speed of drivers. Traffic lights on the other hand make people drive faster to get through yellow lights causing horrendous injuries. All agree the speeds down the corridor are getting worse.

Valley Center is a rural town and roundabouts are more fitting for the rural nature of the town. Roundabouts keep traffic moving, they are objectively safer. They don't block the beauty of the town and are as rural as a stop sign and a bale of hay.

Valley Center has become a gas station laden drive through to the casinos. The corridor plan as proposed is walkable and allows for businesses and entertainment venues to provide a community for our next generation of citizens.

Thank you.

# jon Vick

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 2:26pm 02-21-25

Dear Supervisors,

Please vote to approve the Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan that will improve safety and traffic flow on Valley Center Road for all users. The Plan as presented by the County was approved by the Valley Center Community Planning Group.

Please also expedite preliminary engineering for the Miller Road roundabout to ascertain the ROW before there is additional development in the area.

State and US Department of Transportation data demonstrate conclusively that roundabouts significantly reduce severe injury and fatal crashes. Please consider the intersection of VC and Woods Valley Roads for an additional roundabout. This would slow traffic coming into town, reduce injury and fatal accidents, and will facilitate evacuations.

Thank you.

Jon Vick