

Butternut St / Grant Blvd Roundabout

Just a rough sketch to determine the potential for a roundabout

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1 Synopsis

The motivation for the exercise was to design a more efficient and potentially more aesthetic intersection at Butternut St and Grant Blvd. The current intersection has evolved closer and closer to a roundabout, and now seems begging to become one. As is, it feels somewhat uncomfortable and unsafe to traverse. A modern roundabout treatment appears to offer several advantages at this location:

- It appears to fit well in the space (in fact, in the depiction below it could be sized at least 10% smaller);
- It would be more efficient while also more comfortable and safe to traverse;
- It vastly improves the appearance of the area;
- It makes possible a rather large amount of pedestrian space that creates a bit of a public square effect;
- It will likely attract new development (e.g., cafe, restaurant, retail shop, apartment building) and create a truly significant new neighborhood attraction.

I urge SMTC and DOT consider this concept as part of a Syracuse “Efficient Streets” initiative.

