

HINO Traffic Roundabout

Dear Editor,

Looking at the plight of the commuters at Hino roundabout, which is one of the most important intersections in the area, I could not resist preparing a small design proposal for the same. In fact it has been such a pain passing through this intersection, day in and day out, it baffles ones mind that our problems seem to linger on and on, until everything really breaks down. Are we really so inept and incapable of finding solutions to our problems here? Why does it take us forever to figure out simple things that can ease our own life? Well let's not get into this here but get to the point.

I recently saw some earth digging work already in progress on the site. Obviously some plan must have been drawn for the intersection. I would like to add some suggestions, which is if they have not been already incorporated in the same. And if these suggestions are a part of the grand plan for the roundabout then my apologies to the concerned authorities.

My proposal has two important suggestions, One, it tries to resolve the woes of the "Defence view" side commuters, which to our surprise is a totally landlocked residential area with a single entry and exit. In case of an emergency, the emergency can turn into a major catastrophe. (This area needs another exit and entry immediately, perhaps on the Shaheed-e-millat expressway). At the moment the motorists simply risk their lives by making a forced entry through a small adhoc entry on the extremely busy Korangi road. Second, it caters for the large section of the Defence population which is getting its new road networks opposite Qayyumabad abadi. A proper entry and exit with an island will divert and relieve major chunk of traffic which heads towards the phases 5,6,7 and 8. Obviously this is only a suggestion and a prayer for betterment of our usual stress laden life. There is already a lot of madness on the roads of Karachi, The city fathers should help ease out the traffic chaos wherever and howsoever possible. This will be real self help.

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