

Howard McCulloch / NE ROUNDABOUTS:

Howard has been the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Roundabout Design Specialist since 1999. He has been involved with every roundabout project in New York State. His participation in these projects ranges from preliminary comments regarding a proposed roundabout site's feasibility to final design plan development and review. Howard is responsible for roundabout overviews and training presentations throughout New York State. He has worked on over 80 New York State single lane roundabout projects and has worked on New York State multi-lane roundabout projects in Buffalo, Kingston, North Castle, Johnson City, Latham, Rome, and Malta, where a five multi-lane roundabout corridor, including an interstate interchange, will be in construction from 2005 through 2007.

Howard is a member of the NYSDOT Roundabout Committee where he co-wrote NYSDOT's Interim Guide to Roundabouts. He is presently leading the development of a comprehensive manual for roundabout design to be included in NYSDOT's Highway Design Manual.

Howard was a co-presenter on roundabouts at the 10th Annual (NY) Transportation & Planning Symposium in November 2000, as well as at the 2003 Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO) Conference. He also presented at the 2001, 2003, and 2004 National Engineer's Week Conference and at the 2001 and 2002 New York State Association of Transportation Engineers Conferences. In 2004, Howard presented "Roundabout Lessons Learned the Hard Way" at the annual TRB Conference. He presented during 3 sessions at the 2005 TRB Roundabout Conference.

Howard received a NYSDOT "Excellence In Engineering" award in 2001 for his contribution towards NYSDOT's roundabout initiative. In October 2002, he was a co-recipient of the ITE New York Upstate Section's Young Transportation Professional of the Year Award for safety improvements to an existing traffic circle using roundabout design principles. This project, the re-signing and re-striping of Latham Circle, was one of only thirteen projects to win a 2003 FHWA / National Roadway Safety Award.

FHWA has coordinated Howard's assistance to other states with roundabout design practices and specific projects. Howard presented overviews of roundabouts to ConnDOT, Mass Highway, as well as PennDOT in Williamsport, PA where five roundabouts are being considered. In addition, he is currently involved with reviewing a project in Missoula, Montana where seven roundabouts are being considered and has assisted FHWA in a roundabout seminar for Montana DOT. Howard is assisting FHWA with roundabout reviews for Virginia DOT.

Howard is recognized nationally as a leader in the area of roundabout pavement marking and signing design. In January 2003, he presented to a subcommittee of the Markings Technical Committee (MTC) of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD). Howard is assisting the subcommittee in developing new drawings showing pavement marking and signing for multi-lane roundabouts, which will be part of the 2008 MUTCD.

Howard is a panel member for NCHRP 3-78. This study will focus on how to better accommodate the visually impaired at roundabouts and channelized turn lanes.

Howard McCulloch formed NE ROUNDABOUTS in the spring of 2003. NE ROUNDABOUTS has presented roundabout training workshops in Utah, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, and Connecticut, (2) 2 day roundabout design workshops for New Jersey DOT and (1) for Virginia DOT as well as Delaware DOT and Nebraska DOR, and has co-presenting at two-day roundabout design workshops for Maine DOT and the Rhode Island DOT. NE ROUNDABOUTS has assisted in the design of two double lane roundabouts in South Jordan, Utah and single lane roundabouts in Clarendon and East Montpelier, Vermont. NE ROUNDABOUTS has contributed to the design of four roundabouts in Fort Collins, Colorado; three of which are multi-lane roundabouts, two multi-lane roundabouts in Loveland, Colorado, and a multi-lane roundabout in Ontario, Canada. NE ROUNDABOUTS is currently providing design assistance and peer review services for Rhode Island DOT on multiple projects, where roundabouts are becoming a preferred intersection control device.