

## Sunoco

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one of the congestion points in the area."

The roundabout project is currently under consideration for state funding.

Either way, PennDOT's ownership of the property will provide the department maneuverability in the traffic burdened area, said Doble, and satisfy a requirement that Naparolo mitigate any added volume.

In a phone interview last Wednesday, the developer said he was happy to help the borough with the roundabout project.

"If they need to accomplish the roundabout and one of the things they need is the Sunoco station, then someone has to purchase it," he said.

Doble said the Highway Occupancy Permit also spells out specific work that has to be done to the development location itself. Both the purchase of the Sunoco and the work must be completed before Naparolo can begin construction.

"I don't mind helping out Dallas Borough, if it's what the people want," said Naparolo. "It's a give and take situation in business."

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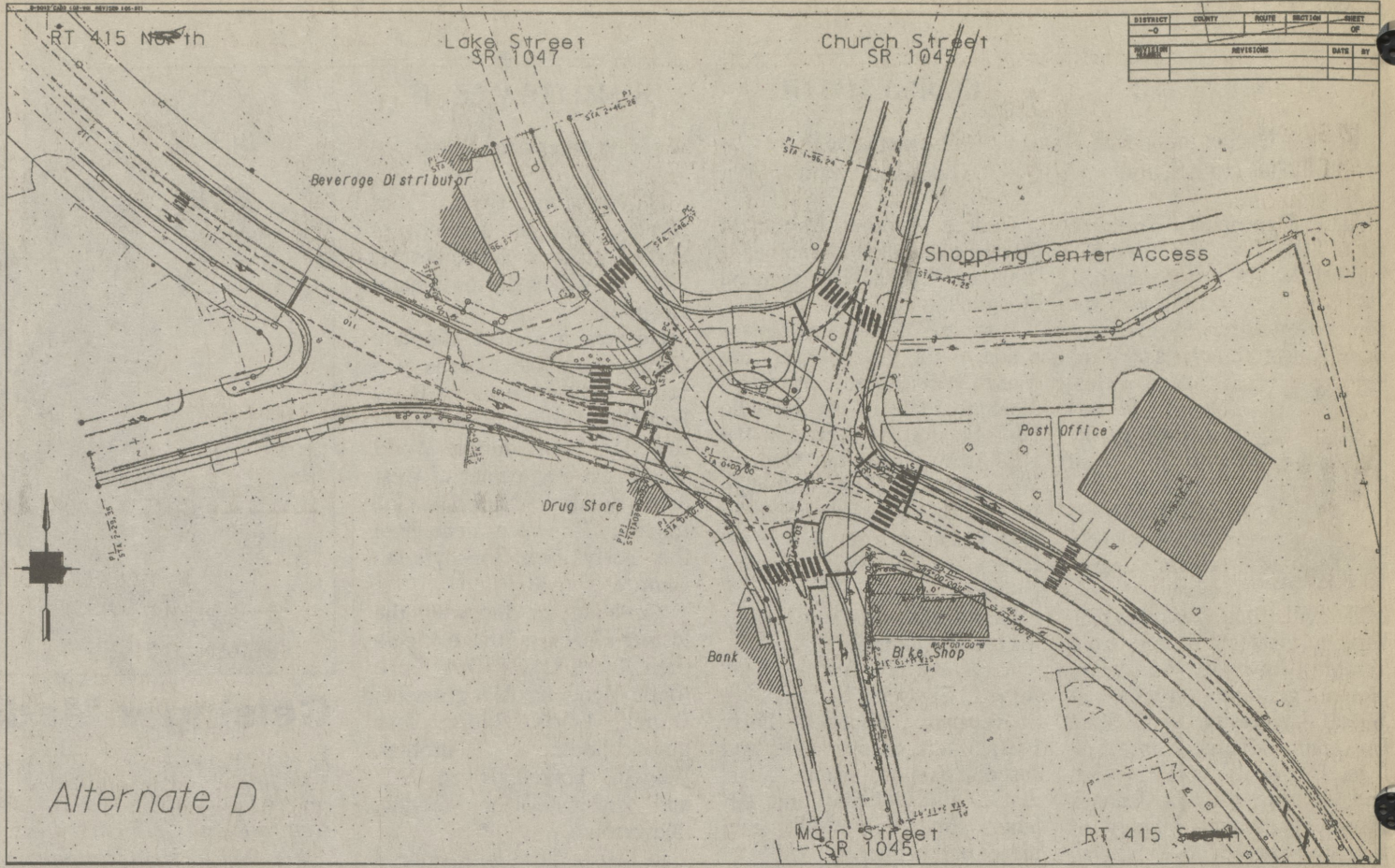
**J. Naparolo**  
Developer

"You always have to do something for the local community, that's normal business."

Naparolo's engineers originally proposed to make Lake Street one-way, to ease the expected increase in traffic.

Some borough residents and members of council disapproved of the idea and council requested other options be researched.

After the Lake Street plan was rejected by the borough, Naparolo, representatives from PennDOT and business and community leaders from the area began meeting to come up



This drawing, supplied by PennDOT, shows one possible configuration for a roundabout at the center of Dallas.

with an acceptable mitigation strategy.

Some of the proposals for a roundabout include making Lake Street one-way, and since

it is a state road, PennDOT will have the final say on the matter.

Naparolo said it will be a couple of years before work on his

development will begin. He stressed that he does not have plans to build a Wal-Mart. "I don't know what I'm going to put up there. I really don't,"

he said. Doble said the permit does not specify a timeline for the purchase and removal of the gas station.

## Library

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midst of their own financial uncertainty. "I'm holding my breath that they will remember us," said Butler.

Those involved with the library have been working together to find solutions, said Butler. The Friends of the Library group created the Giving Tree that allows children and adults to donate as little as \$1, and then place an ornament bearing their name on the li-

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**Martha Butler**  
Library Director

brary's Christmas Tree.

Also, a member of the library's board of directors initiated and coordinated the Haunted Library as a way to

offset the anticipated shortfall.

Butler said members of the community also can help by simply making a phone call.

"It's not too late to contact state representatives and senators to ask that they restore a significant amount of the funding," she said.

Specifics about what will be cut won't be known until the library's 2004 budget is completed at the end of the month.

## Trail

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organization doesn't want to take over the road if the public won't be able to use it in some recreational capacity.

If Back Mountain Rec decides against taking over the

road, it will be vacated to the adjoining property owners.

Grove said the township hasn't given the group a deadline for when they need a decision.

"The township would like to

move ahead, but they understand we're trying to be right about it," said Grove.

"We're moving ahead with all of the energy we can muster."

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