

WHY DOES DATE STREET HAVE ROUNDABOUTS?



A roundabout is a circular intersection design where traffic travels at low speed around a central island, and entering traffic must yield to circulating traffic. Roundabouts are becoming increasingly common in the United States.

Driving in a roundabout is safer and more efficient when compared to traditional signalized intersections and stop-controlled intersections. In a roundabout, the cars are traveling at a slower speed (approx. 15-20 mph), there are fewer conflict points, and if crashes occur, they are much less severe. Studies have shown that when compared to signalized intersections, roundabouts result in:

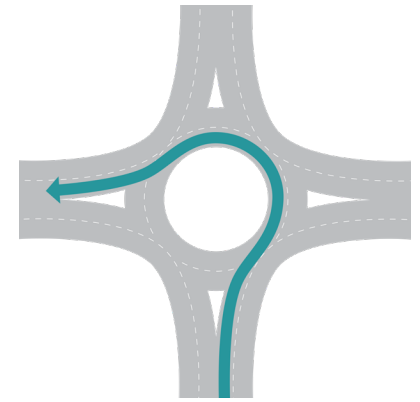
- » **90% fewer traffic fatalities**
- » **75% fewer injury collisions**

Not only are roundabouts safer, but they allow for more traffic to move through an intersection with significantly less delay than if it was signalized. A typical 4 way stop intersection has 32 possible vehicle conflict points and 24 pedestrian conflict points, while a roundabout has 8 vehicular conflict points and 8 pedestrian conflict points. Pedestrians only have to cross one to two lanes at a time and only have to look in one direction at a time, which increases safety for people crossing.

Scan the QR code to watch a video for more information on driving through roundabouts safely:

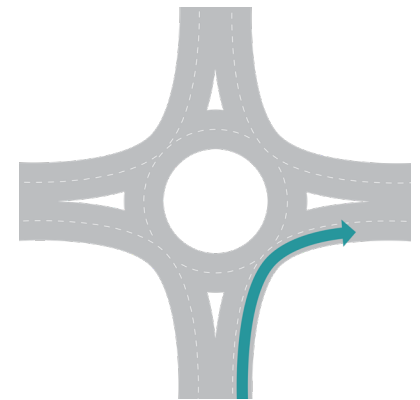


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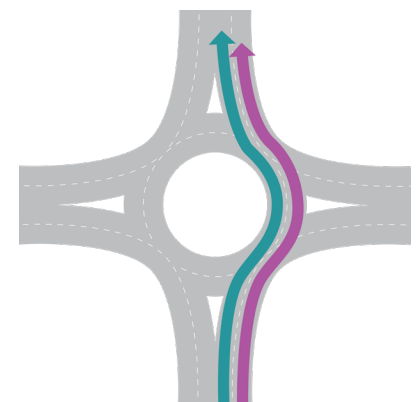
LEFT TURN

Use the left lane



RIGHT TURN

Use the right lane



THROUGH TRAFFIC

Either lane is fine

DRIVING SAFELY THROUGH ROUNDABOUTS

1. Slow Down and Look Around

- ✓ Enter the roundabout at a **slower speed**. Crashes that do occur will be much less severe.
- ✓ Slowing down helps to **see pedestrians and bicyclists** sharing the road with you.

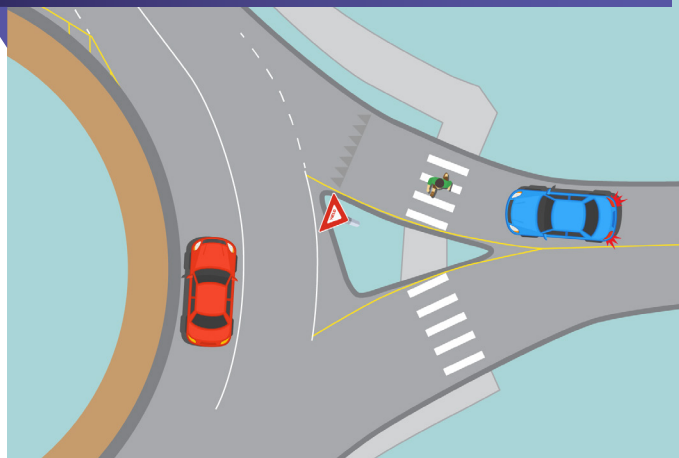
2. Choose Your Lane and Use Your Turn Signal

- ✓ **Choose the lane** for where you want to go after you exit the roundabout. **Signs and markings will help you select a lane** before you enter the roundabout
- ✓ Use the **left lane to go left**, the **right lane to go right**, and **either lane to go straight** through, unless otherwise indicated. Avoid lane changes while in the roundabout.
- ✓ **Use your turn signal** to indicate when you will **exit** the roundabout.
- ✓ **Check the crosswalks** to see if anyone is waiting to cross or is already crossing. **Be ready to stop** and let them safely finish.

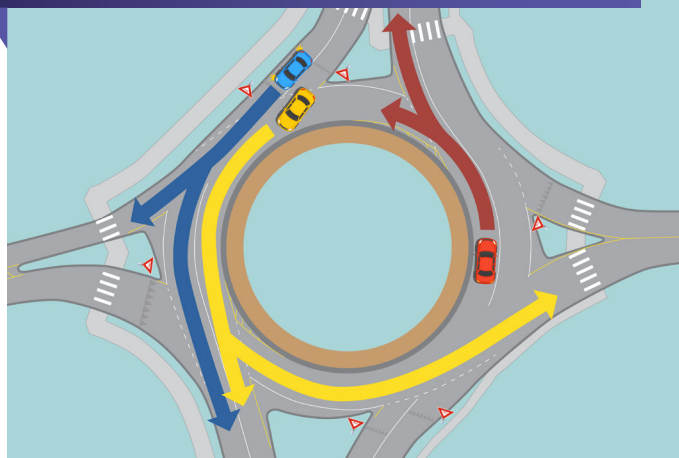
3. Be Ready to Yield

- ✓ **Yield to traffic in all lanes** of the roundabout, not just in the lane closest to you.
- ✓ If **large vehicles** like semi-trucks are in the roundabout, **give them extra space** and **avoid driving next to them** inside the dual-lane roundabout. Semi-trucks are allowed to use both lanes in the roundabout and drive over the truck apron in the center island.
- ✓ **Follow the pavement markings** to stay in the correct lane as you leave the roundabout.
- ✓ **Look around** one more time for anyone in the crosswalk and **be ready to yield** as you exit the roundabout.

1. SLOW DOWN, LOOK AROUND



2. CHOOSE LANE, USE SIGNAL



3. BE READY TO YIELD



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