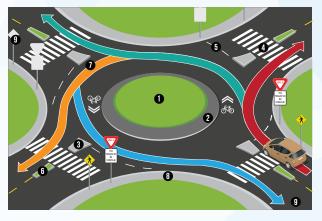
### WHAT IS A ROUNDABOUT?

A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection designed to calm traffic and make intersections safer for people driving, walking, or biking. Traffic in a roundabout travels counterclockwise in one direction around a center island at a slower speed. There are no traffic signals or stop signs at a roundabout. People driving must yield at entry points and enter and exit at their desired street.



- Central Island
- 2 Concrete Truck Apron 5 Yield Line
- 3 Pedestrian Refuge
- 4 Crosswalk

- Circulatory Roadway
- 8 Sidewalk Around Perimeter
- 6 Splitter Island 9 Exit Lanes and Entry Lanes

# ROUNDABOUT SIGNS



approaching a

roundabout







Stay to the right of the splitter island.



Yield to traffic already in the roundabout.



Travel in a counterclockwise direction only.



### **MORE INFORMATION**

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# HOW TO USE A ROUNDABOUT



# HOW TO SAFELY DRIVE A ROUNDABOUT

#### **DRIVERS**

#### 1. APPROACH

- · Slow down as you approach a roundabout.
- · Follow posted signs and/or pavement markings.
- · Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### 2. YIELD

- Yield to drivers already in the roundabout. They have the right-of-way.
- · Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in crosswalks.

#### 3. ENTER

- Enter the roundabout to your right when there is a safe gap in traffic.
- · Travel counterclockwise in the roundabout.
- Never stop in a roundabout unless traffic conditions require it.

#### 4. EXIT

- Use your right turn signal before exiting the roundabout.
- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### **BICYCLISTS**

- Merge with traffic and circulate as a vehicle or cross at a crosswalk.
- · Be aware of pedestrians.
- · Signal before exiting the roundabout.

#### PEDESTRIANS

- Use marked crosswalks.
- · Wait until it is safe to cross.







# BENEFITS OF A ROUNDABOUT

Conventional intersections have 32 vehicle and 16 pedestrian conflict points, while roundabouts have only eight vehicle and eight pedestrian conflict points. Because there are no crossing movements in a roundabout, left-turn and right-angle crashes are eliminated.

#### **SAVES LIVES**

- Up to a 90% reduction in fatalities
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
- 75% fewer conflict points than four-way intersections



#### **IMPROVES TRAFFIC FLOW**

· 30-50% increase in traffic capacity

## REDUCES POLLUTION AND CONSERVES FUEL

- Improved traffic flow for intersections that handle a high number of left turns
- · Reduced need for storage lanes

#### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Traffic calming
- · Aesthetic landscaping

Source: Federal Highway Administration