

GETTING AROUND A ROUNDABOUT

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What is a roundabout and how does it improve traffic flow?

A roundabout is a traffic calming device that allows a steady flow of traffic around a central island. Roundabouts have been proven safer and more efficient than other types of circular intersections because they let you maintain a steady speed instead of the stop-and-go of most intersections. Unlike traffic signals, roundabouts cannot malfunction, so they require less maintenance, save taxpayer money, and are always operational. Chances are you will get to your destination a little more quickly while saving fuel.

Here's how to do it:

- ◆ Always drive at or below the speed limit of 15 miles per hour.
- ◆ Slow down as you approach the roundabout. You will see a wedge-shaped median with the roundabout traffic sign.
- ◆ Move to the right as you approach the median.
- ◆ Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- ◆ Merge into the roundabout, yielding to vehicles already in circulation.
- ◆ Proceed around a single lane.
- ◆ **Do not pass**
- ◆ Turn on your right turn signal when you see your exit.
- ◆ Turn right onto the exit. If you miss your exit, proceed around the circle again. You will get another chance.

Did you know?

- ◆ *Studies show that roundabouts reduce accidents at intersections.*
- ◆ *Roundabouts are more efficient because they allow the driver to maintain a steady speed instead of the stop-and-go of most intersections.*
- ◆ *Unlike traffic signals, roundabouts cannot malfunction so they require less maintenance, save taxpayer money and are always operational.*



Todd Lane Roundabout: view to west

Conflict points of signalized intersection (top) and roundabout (bottom).

