

## What is a roundabout?

A roundabout is a type of circular intersection, but is quite unlike a neighborhood traffic circle or large rotary. Roundabouts have been proven safer and more efficient than other types of circular intersections.

## What sign signifies a roundabout?



## Why are roundabouts beneficial?

They are often safer, more efficient, less costly and more aesthetically appealing than conventional intersection designs. Furthermore, roundabouts are an excellent choice to complement other transportation objectives – including Complete Streets, multimodal networks, and corridor access management – without compromising the ability to keep people and freight moving through our towns, cities and regions, and across the Nation. The FHWA Office of Safety identified roundabouts as a **Proven Safety Countermeasure** because of their ability to substantially reduce the types of crashes that result in injury or loss of life. Roundabouts are designed to improve safety for all users, including pedestrians and bicycles.

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**Most significantly, roundabouts REDUCE the types of crashes where people are seriously hurt or killed by 78-82% when compared to conventional stop-controlled and signalized intersections, per the AASHTO Highway Safety Manual.**

## How can I safely maneuver through a roundabout?

**Counterclockwise Flow.** Traffic travels counterclockwise around a center island.

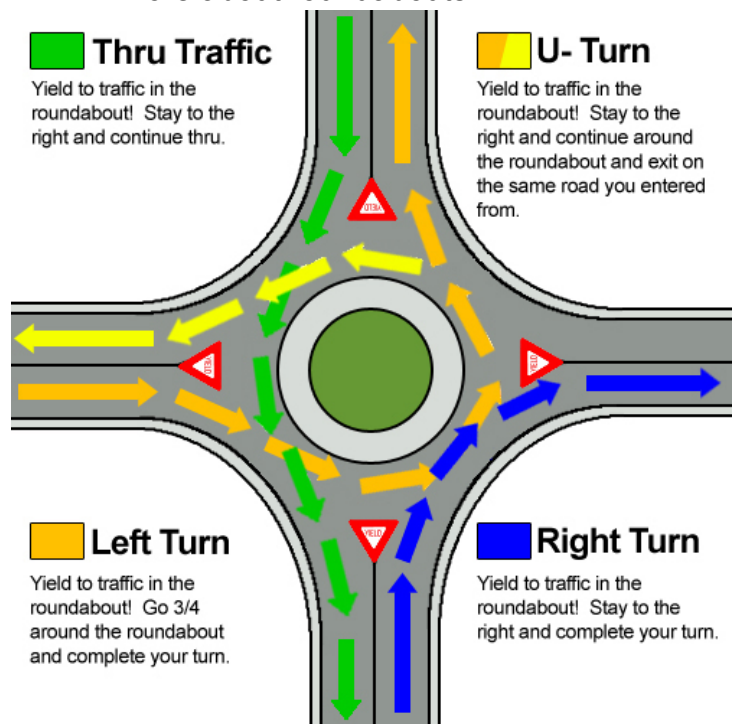
**Entry Yield Control.** Vehicles entering the roundabout yield to traffic already circulating.

**Low Speed.** Curvature that results in lower vehicle speeds, generally 15-25 MPH, throughout the roundabout.

## Interested in knowing more about roundabouts?

### Please visit

(<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts/>) the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's website for complete details, videos, safety information, and more about roundabouts.



If you have any questions about traffic/transportation at Three Rivers Local School District, please feel free to contact us.