

Rotaries and Roundabouts

A rotary or roundabout is an intersection where traffic travels around a central island in a circular, counter-clockwise direction. Roundabouts may have more than one lane of traffic. Vehicles entering or exiting a roundabout must yield to all traffic including pedestrians and bicycles. When drivers approach a roundabout, they should slow down and:

- Look for signs and any pavement markings prohibiting certain movements.
- Enter the roundabout by turning right when safe to do so.
- Stay in their lane.
- Use their vehicle's right turn signal to let other drivers know they are exiting the roundabout.

Some tips for safely maneuvering in a rotary or roundabout include:

- A driver should look for street and direction signs when approaching and before entering a roundabout. This will help determine which exit to take. These signs should be posted along the roadside before reaching the roundabout.
- Drivers should not change lanes or take an exit before checking for vehicles that may be continuing through the roundabout. A driver should expect vehicles to be in blind spots where they cannot be seen in rearview or side mirrors.