

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What impacts do roundabouts have on surrounding property?

Roundabouts typically take more room than traffic signals at low-volume intersections. As volume increases, the size of a roundabout and traffic signal become comparable. However, because roundabouts do not require the construction of turn lanes to store vehicles waiting for a green light, they allow the roadways entering the roundabout to be narrower, this reducing property impacts.

I drive a big truck, and that roundabout looks awfully tight. Will I fit?

Yes. The roundabout has been designed specifically to accommodate large vehicles such as yours. As you approach the roundabout, stay close to the left side of the entry. As you pass through the roundabout, your trailer may drag over the special apron around the central island – it was designed specifically for this purpose. As you exit, again stay close to the left side of the exit. At a multi-lane roundabout, you may need to occupy the entire circulatory roadway to make the turn. Signal your intention in advance and claim both lanes on approach to the roundabout.

How can I prevent fender bender crashes at/in roundabouts?

Despite the growing number of roundabouts across the nation, for some drivers, roundabouts are new. Safely maneuvering a roundabout requires drivers to be alert and follow three key rules:

- Slow down
- Choose the correct lane
- Yield to all lanes

Failing to follow these basic rules can increase non-injury crashes.

More information

More information about the benefits of roundabouts can be found on these Web sites:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/safety/roundabouts/>

• Roundabouts - What they are and what they aren't
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsCo17IERGE>

• Roundabouts - How do I drive a roundabout?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mywmtskfiil>

• <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts/>

• Roundabouts - Safety benefits
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnT1HXo?p_4

• Roundabouts - What does this mean for me?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO1bi6inF60>

