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A roundabout is a circular intersection where vehicles yield at entry to traffic already within the circulatory roadway and all vehicles flow in a counter-clockwise direction around a central island.

**What is a Roundabout?**

**Approaching Roundabouts**
- Reduce your speed and prepare to YIELD to all traffic in the roundabout.
- Guide signs provide guidance for approach street locations, not lane use orientation.

**Choose your lane:**
Approaching a two lane roundabout, make a lane choice according to the following rules:
- If you intend to exit the roundabout more than halfway around, use the LEFT-HAND lane.
- If you intend to exit the roundabout less than halfway around, use the RIGHT-HAND lane.
- If you intend to continue straight through, use either lane unless signs or markings indicate otherwise.

**Navigating Roundabouts**
- Move up to the entrance line and wait for a gap in traffic. DO NOT ENTER next to a vehicle in the roundabout, as that vehicle may be exiting at the next exit.
- Within the roundabout, do not stop except to avoid a collision; you have the right-of-way over entering traffic. Keep moving in a counterclockwise direction.
- Do not change lanes in a roundabout.
- A striped channelization island is present in several roundabouts, which reduces the circulatory roadway to one lane approaching a single-lane exit.

**Best Practices:**
- Do not change lanes within the roundabout or as you exit
- Do not overtake other vehicles or bicyclists within the roundabout
- Be aware of other vehicles in the roundabout
- Follow pavement striping and arrows for guidance – exit roundabouts with caution
- YIELD to emergency vehicles before or after the roundabout – DO NOT STOP in the roundabout
- Give oversized vehicles extra room because they may need both lanes to maneuver
- Indicate your exit using your right-turn signal

For additional information, please refer to FHWA’s Roundabouts: An Informational Guide at www.tfhrc.gov/safety/00068.htm

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Driving Roundabouts

Turning Right

1. **APPROACHING:** Be in the right-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use a right-turn signal.
2. **CIRCULATING:** Keep to the right-hand (outside) lane of the roundabout and continue to use your right-turn signal through your exit. *Do not change lanes.*
3. **EXITING:** Stay in the right-hand lane as you exit the roundabout.

Going Straight Ahead

1. **APPROACHING:** You can be in either lane, unless otherwise marked on roadway or posted.
2. **CIRCULATING:** Stay to the inside of the circulatory roadway if you entered from the left-hand approach lane, or stay to the outside if you entered from the right-hand approach lane. *Do not change lanes.*
3. When you have passed the last exit before the one you want, use your right-turn signal and continue to use it through your exit.
4. **EXITING:** As you exit the roundabout, be aware of vehicles traveling on the outside of the circulatory roadway that may continue to circulate around the roundabout.

Turning Left or Making a U-Turn

1. **APPROACHING:** Be in the left-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use a left-turn signal.
2. **CIRCULATING:** Stay in the left-hand lane of the circulatory roadway until you are ready to exit.
3. When you have passed the last exit before the one you want, use your left-turn signal and continue to use it through your exit. *Do not change lanes.*
4. **EXITING:** As you exit the roundabout, be aware of vehicles traveling on the outside of the circulatory roadway that may continue to circulate around the roundabout.

Roundabout Signs:

- **Sample Guide Sign:** Provides orientation of approaching streets and direction on which lane to use.
- **SLOW DOWN:** when approaching a roundabout.
- **Watch for pedestrians and golf carts.**
- **YIELD TO TRAFFIC ALREADY IN THE ROUNDABOUT.**
- **STAY TO THE RIGHT OF THE SPITTER ISLAND.**
- **ONE WAY** direction only.