



# Using a Roundabout **PEDESTRIANS & BICYCLISTS**

## What is a roundabout?

- ▶ A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection engineered to maximize safety and reduce traffic congestion.
- ▶ The “yield at entry” rule reduces delay by eliminating unnecessary stopping. Drivers yield to traffic in the roundabout and enter only when there is a safe gap in traffic.
- ▶ Pavement markings and signs direct traffic into a one-way, counter-clockwise flow.
- ▶ Raised islands and painted crosswalks at roundabouts provide safety for pedestrians. Short crossing distances and slow moving traffic increase pedestrian safety.
- ▶ Pedestrians cross the street using the designated crosswalks. Raised islands are provided in the middle of each crossing so pedestrians only cross one direction of traffic at a time.
- ▶ Bicyclists using the roundabout can either exit at the bicycle ramps and use the sidewalk, or continue with traffic on the road.

**Questions, comments or concerns?**  
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Driving in circles can be a good thing, if it means you get where you want to **more quickly and safely.**

That’s why the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will incorporate roundabouts into our road network.

## Please **drive safely**

Since roundabouts are fairly new to our area, please expect a short adjustment period as drivers get used to driving them.

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# Crossing as a PEDESTRIAN

- ▶ Cross only at designated crosswalks.
- ▶ **NEVER** cross to the center of a roundabout.

## Anatomy of a roundabout

- a** Center Island
- b** Truck Apron
- c** Crosswalk
- d** Raised Median Island

### Sample Movements

**Bicyclist on the road**

**Bicyclists on the sidewalk**

**Pedestrians on the sidewalk**



- 1** Extend your arm and point to show the motorists that you intend to cross.

Wait at the crosswalk for a safe gap in traffic.



- 2** Cross to the raised median island only when traffic yields or stops and there is a safe gap in traffic.

Keep your arm up, pointing as you cross.



- 3** Wait on the raised median island for a gap in the other direction of traffic.

Remember to point to show traffic you intend to cross.



## BICYCLISTS on the road

Experienced bicyclists travel through the roundabout using the same general rules that apply to motorists.

**1**



On your approach, choose the proper lane for your route.

Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Yield to traffic in the roundabout; only enter when there is a safe gap in traffic.

**2**



Stay in your lane and maintain a good pace.

Don't hug the curb – this way, drivers will see you.

## BICYCLISTS on the sidewalk



Dismount at the ramp leading to the sidewalk and walk your bicycle.

Use the sidewalks and crosswalks, following the same rules that apply to pedestrians.