

## Welcome to Another Safe Intersection

Bicyclists have a legal right to ride in the street with traffic when traveling through single-lane and multilane roundabouts just like other intersections. However, in general, bicyclists riding through intersections with multiple lanes of traffic increase their exposure to vehicles compared to single-lane environments. The same is true when considering single-lane and multilane roundabouts. Riding through a single-lane roundabout presents less exposure to vehicles compared to riding through a multilane roundabout.

*Remember...whenever taking to the roadway take the time to...Be Seen, Be Aware, and Be Smart.*

### Quick Tips for Bicyclists

**Decide if you want to act as a car or a pedestrian.**

**If Acting as a pedestrian . . .**

- ◆ Use the bike ramp to access the sidewalk.
- ◆ Walk your bike.
- ◆ Use the crosswalks.
- ◆ Cross in two stages, using the splitter island.



**If Acting as a Car . . .**

- ◆ Take your lane – ride in the center of the travel lane.
- ◆ Ride defensively, motorists may not see you.
- ◆ More specific guidance is provided on the inside of this pamphlet.

*Applying the ideas and suggestions provided here will help all of us make safe choices when we take to the road as a pedestrian, bicyclist, motorist, or truck driver.*

## Benefits of a Roundabout

- Slower vehicle speeds
  - ▶ More time to react and make decisions; advantageous for older and novice drivers
  - ▶ Reduces the severity of crashes, if they occur, 76% fewer injury crashes
  - ▶ Safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Yield control creates efficient traffic flow and often lower average delay at the intersection
- Reduces pollution and fuel use due to fewer stops and hard accelerations
- Aesthetically appealing; an opportunity to preserve natural features



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# Roundabouts and Bicyclists—Making Safe Choices



# How to Use a MultiLane Roundabout as a Bicyclist Traveling with Motorized Vehicles

## General Guidance

- Be seen.
- Be aware.
- Choose your travel lane in advance:
  - ▶ Left to go left
  - ▶ Through to go through
  - ▶ Right to go right
- Ride in the middle of the travel lane.
- The rules that apply to cars apply to you.

## A On Approach, Move from the Bike Lane to Motorized Vehicle Travel Lane

- Look for and use an acceptable gap in traffic. Remember to signal your lane change.
- Change lanes into the center of the nearest travel lane before reaching the crosswalk.
- If necessary, change lanes again...
  - ▶ Left to go left
  - ▶ Through to go through
  - ▶ Right to go right

## B Entering the Roundabout

- Once situated in the correct approach lane...
  - ▶ Watch for and yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk.
  - ▶ Monitor your speed; be prepared to yield to vehicles in the circulatory roadway.
  - ▶ Look for and choose a safe and acceptable gap.
    - ▶ Enter the roundabout.

## C Traveling through the Roundabout

- Once in the roundabout...
  - ▶ Monitor your speed as you proceed through the roundabout.
- Not too fast... Motorists need to be able to see you and be able to react.
- ▶ Stay in the middle of your lane through the intersection.
- ▶ Do not change lanes in the intersection.
- Overtaking while in the roundabout is NOT acceptable.
- Make choices that make you visible.
- Give large trucks the space they need – they are allowed to use both lanes.

## D Exiting the Roundabout

- Signal and take the appropriate exit.
- Continue to ride in the middle of your lane. Be seen.
- Look for and use acceptable gaps to return to the bike lane.
- Signal your lane changes.
- Enter the bike lane.

