

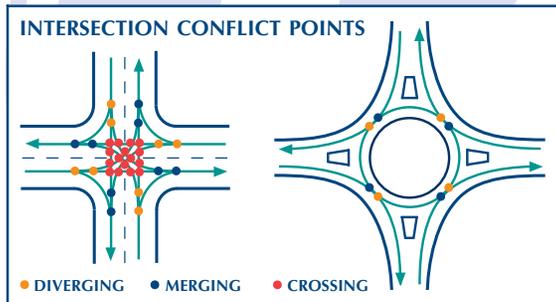
# Why Roundabouts?

A “Modern Roundabout” is an intersection with one-way circulation around a central island, eliminating the need for a traffic signal. There are a number of benefits associated with this type of intersection control:

## Safety...

A key benefit of modern roundabouts is safety. According to the Federal Highway Administration, installing a roundabout typically results in:

- A 76% reduction in injury-accidents
- A 90% reduction in fatalities
- A 40% reduction in pedestrian injuries, and
- 75% fewer conflict points compared to standard intersections (see chart below)



## Less Delay...

Roundabouts are designed to handle traffic more efficiently than signalized intersections. With traffic constantly moving and vehicles entering the intersection at lower speeds, more vehicles are able to move through the intersection at any given time.

## An Improved Environment...

Since roundabouts reduce the amount of time vehicles spend idling at intersections, they provide environmental benefits by reducing fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.

# For More Information...

If you would like more information about driving modern roundabouts:

## Checkout the Video

A 10-minute video called “*Driving Modern Roundabouts: Rules of the Road*” is available for check-out at all local libraries and Lacey City Hall. For more information, please call Lacey Public Works at (360) 491-5600.

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# Driving Modern Roundabouts



# “Rules of the Road” for Driving Modern Roundabouts



**Slow Down:** Driving speeds in roundabouts are 20 m.p.h. or less.



**Lane Choice:** Drivers must make the appropriate lane choice, based on their destination, prior to entering a multi-lane roundabout. As in a standard intersection, use the left lane to make left-turns, U-turns, or straight-ahead movements; use the right-lane to make right-turns or straight-ahead movements (*see charts at right*). **Never change lanes, pass, or overtake another vehicle after entering a roundabout.**



**Yield Principle:** When preparing to enter a roundabout, **yield to all traffic in all lanes** already circulating within the roundabout.



**Large Vehicles:** Give special consideration to trucks, trailers, and other large vehicles. Never pass or drive adjacent to large vehicles within a roundabout.



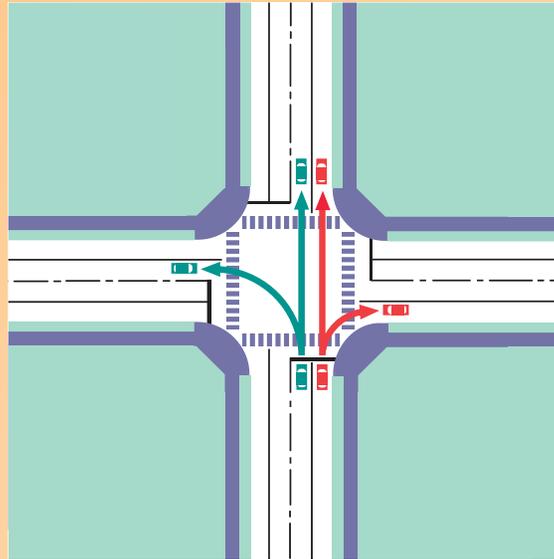
**Emergency Vehicles:** Do not impede emergency vehicles. If you are within a roundabout when an emergency vehicle approaches, move through, exit, and then pull over.



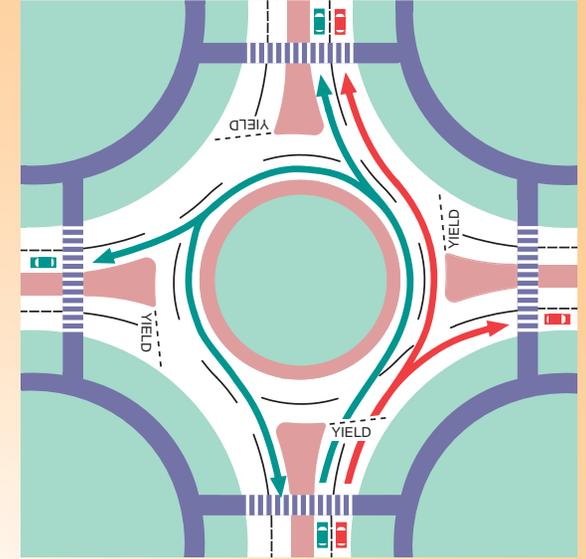
**Pedestrians:** All pedestrians must cross at the designated crosswalks. Although vehicles are required to stop for pedestrians, always exercise caution when crossing.



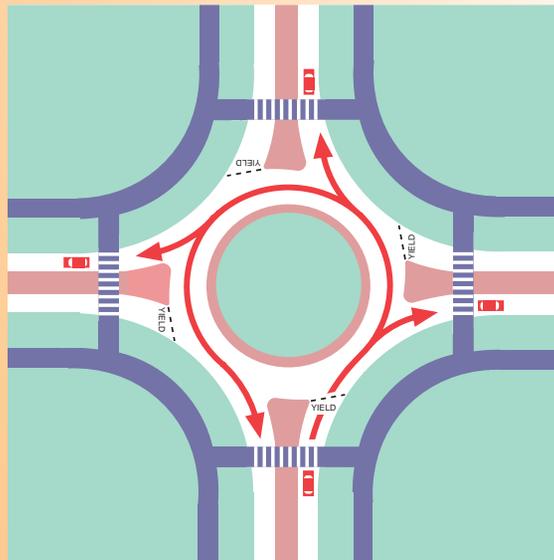
**Bicyclists:** Bicyclists are encouraged to walk their bikes and use the pedestrian crosswalks. Only experienced bicyclists should ride within the roundabout.



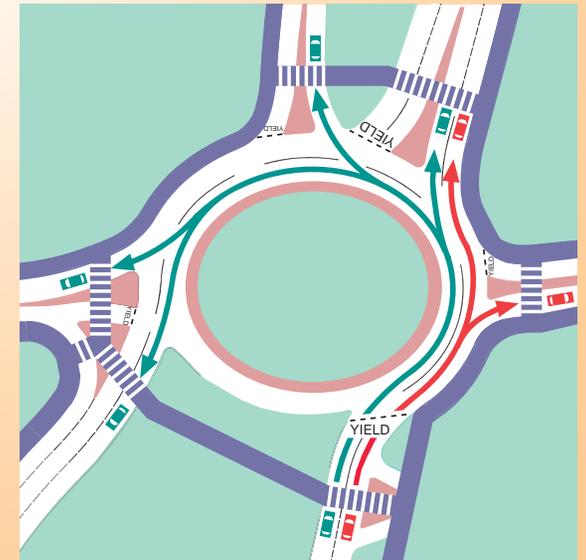
Standard Intersection



Multi-lane Roundabout



Standard Single-lane Roundabout



Golf Club Road Roundabout  
(One-way Couplet)