

Waunakee Police Department

Newsletter

Roundabout information

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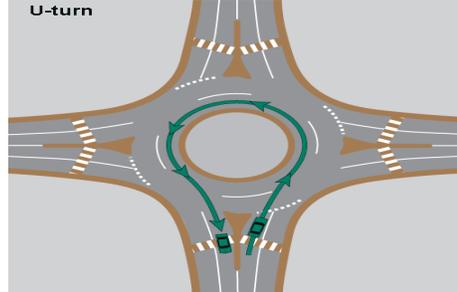
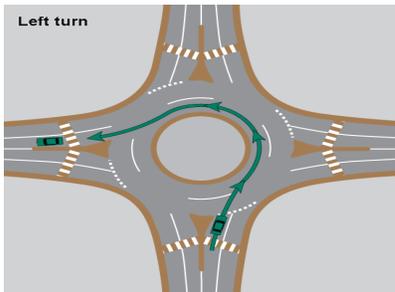
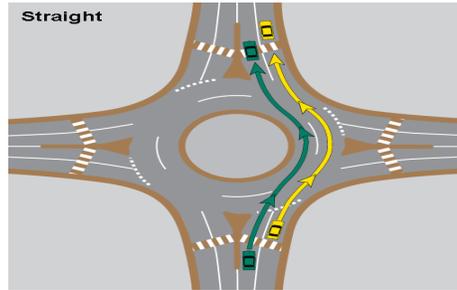
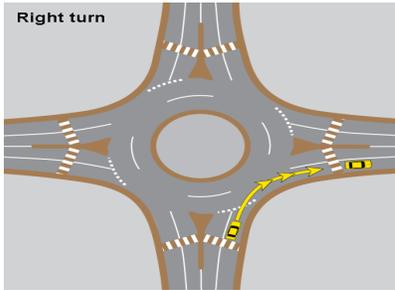


Driving multi-lane roundabouts

We will soon be navigating a multi-lane roundabout on Main Street in Waunakee. The following are important bullet points to remember when navigating Waunakee's roundabout:

- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout prior to entering. Drivers already in the roundabout have the right of way. Yield to pedestrians/bicyclists using crosswalks.
- Choose a lane prior to entering the roundabout. Signs are posted, including overhead signs and pavement markings indicating which lane to use. To go right choose the right lane only. To go straight choose either the left or right lane (*yes, you can use either lane to go straight!) To go left or make a U-turn, get in the left lane only.
- If you are involved in an accident and the vehicles are drivable and no one is injured, drive out of the roundabout along with the other vehicle. Pull into a nearby parking lot before calling police. It is dangerous to stop in a roundabout unless you have no other choice. If a vehicle is not drivable and blocking a lane of traffic and/or someone is injured, call 911.
- If you are in the roundabout and see an emergency vehicle approaching with lights/siren activated, do not stop in the roundabout. Motorists should exit the roundabout and then pull over without blocking the exit.
- Never drive next to an oversized vehicle (large trucks, busses, farm equipment etc.) as they often straddle both lanes.
- Do not change lanes within the roundabout, as this can cause an accident.

The graphics below show what turns can be made in Waunakee's roundabout. The arrows in yellow show the movements that can be made from the right lane, and the arrows in green show the movements that can be made from the left lane.



Common Signs and what they mean.



Roundabout ahead slow down



Guide signs near the entry to a roundabout show lane designations



Yield to all traffic in the roundabout



Roundabout traffic travels one way

If you would like more information please go to the following websites for information and videos on roundabouts.

<http://dot.wi.gov/safety/motorist/roaddesign/roundabouts/works.htm>

<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/motorist/roaddesign/roundabouts/docs/br-chooselane.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/motorist/roaddesign/roundabouts/docs/br-alwaysyield.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/motorist/roaddesign/roundabouts/docs/br-turnbyturn.pdf>

Here is a link to an 11 minute informational video about roundabouts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P25WbwX2z5c&list=PLB3995DECC4B6C61A&index=18>

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