



Using a Roundabout **PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS**

What is a **roundabout?**

- ▶ A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection engineered to reduce congestion and maximize safety.
- ▶ 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. State law requires a motorist to yield right-of-way to pedestrians in a marked crosswalk.
- ▶ Bicyclists using the roundabout can either exit at the crosswalk 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
go **quicker and safer.**

That's why Dakota County has begun
incorporating roundabouts into their
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.



Crossing as a PEDESTRIAN

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

Anatomy of a roundabout

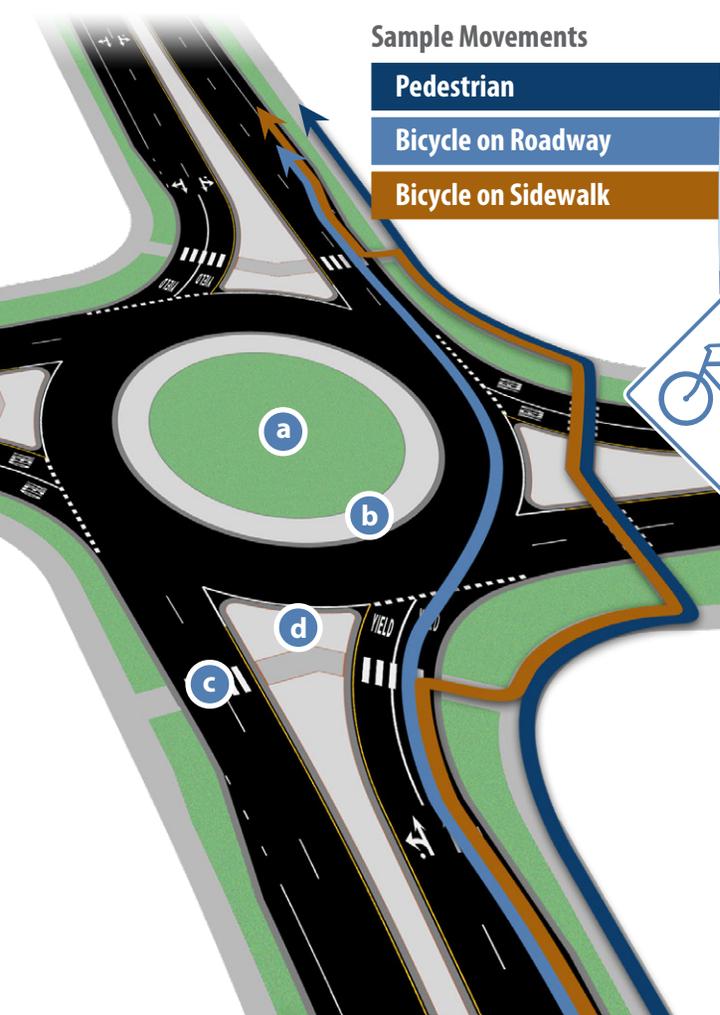
- a** Center Island
- b** Truck Apron
- c** Crosswalk
- d** Refuge Island

Sample Movements

Pedestrian

Bicycle on Roadway

Bicycle on 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 refuge island only when traffic yields or stops.

Keep your arm up, pointing as you cross.



3 Wait on the refuge island for a gap in the other direction of traffic.

Remember to point to show traffic you intend to cross.



BICYCLES on the road

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

1



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.

BICYCLES 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.