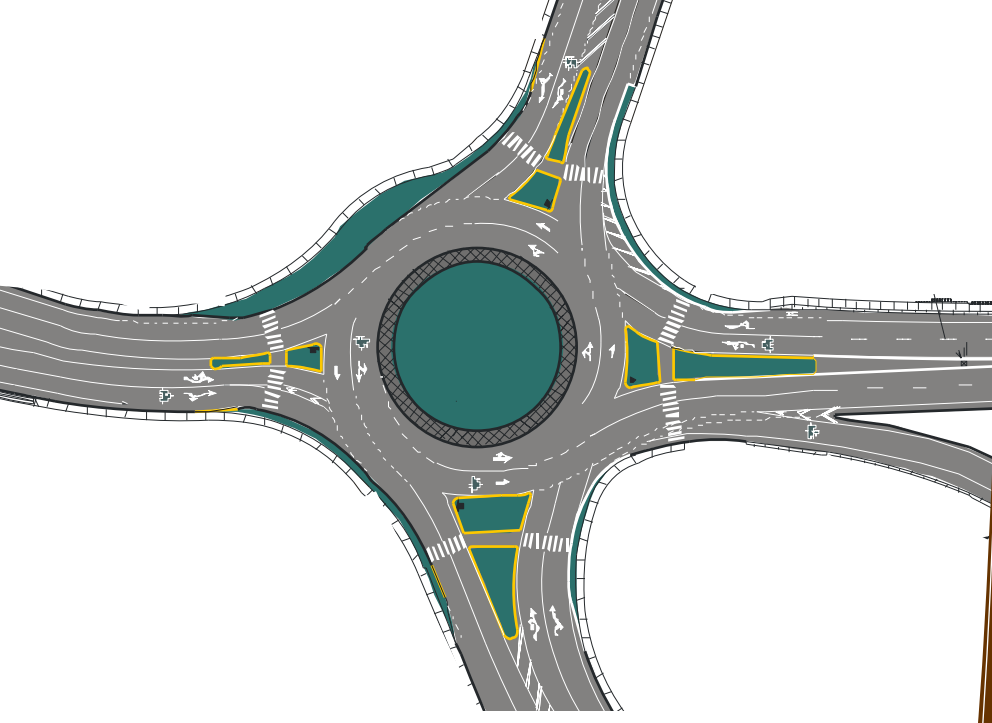




## Emergency Vehicles

Emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights and sirens always have the right of way. To avoid blocking the roundabout stop for the emergency vehicle before entering into the roundabout or if possible, exit the roundabout and then pull over to the shoulder of the road to let the emergency vehicle safely pass.



# Driving Tips for Modern Roundabouts

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# Modern Roundabouts

Roundabouts have been used in Europe for many decades and are becoming increasingly popular in North America. Roundabouts are used as intersection solutions, are circular in shape and improve traffic flow greatly. They reduce the possibility for crashes that may involve serious injury because they reduce the chance of head-on collisions.

Some roundabouts have more than one lane. Watch for lane use directional signage when approaching a roundabout. Road markings may also be present to indicate where a vehicle is permitted to go in each lane. It is always a wise decision to plan where you want to exit before entering into the roundabout.

Roundabouts usually have a truck apron that surrounds the centre island; the apron assists larger vehicles in maneuvering through the roundabout with greater ease. Usually the apron has a notably different road surface than the rest of the roundabout (example: stamped concrete).

## When Using a Roundabout:

- Make sure you know where you want to go before entering the roundabout; this will give you time to enter the roundabout in the correct lane.
- Watch for lane usage signs and road markings to assist you before entering the roundabout.
- Slow down as you approach the roundabout.
- Yield to traffic already travelling in the roundabout.
- Use your right signal for your selected exit point and exit the roundabout slowly.
- Do not drive along the side of large vehicles (tractor trailers, buses) because they may need to use more than their designated lane to maneuver the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians. When entering or exiting, remember to yield to pedestrians who may be in the crosswalk at your entrance or exit point.
- Yield to emergency vehicles.
- Never make a full stop in a roundabout unless traffic conditions require it.