



# 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. Motorists 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 median islands and painted crosswalks delineate pedestrian crossing locations. Short crossing distances and slow moving traffic improve pedestrian safety.
- ▶ Bicyclists using the roundabout can either exit at the crosswalk and use the trail, or continue with traffic on the road.

### Questions, comments or concerns?

Contact us in whichever way is most convenient.



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Driving in circles can be a good thing,  
if it means you get where you want to  
go **more quickly and safely.**

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 island of a roundabout.

## Anatomy of a roundabout

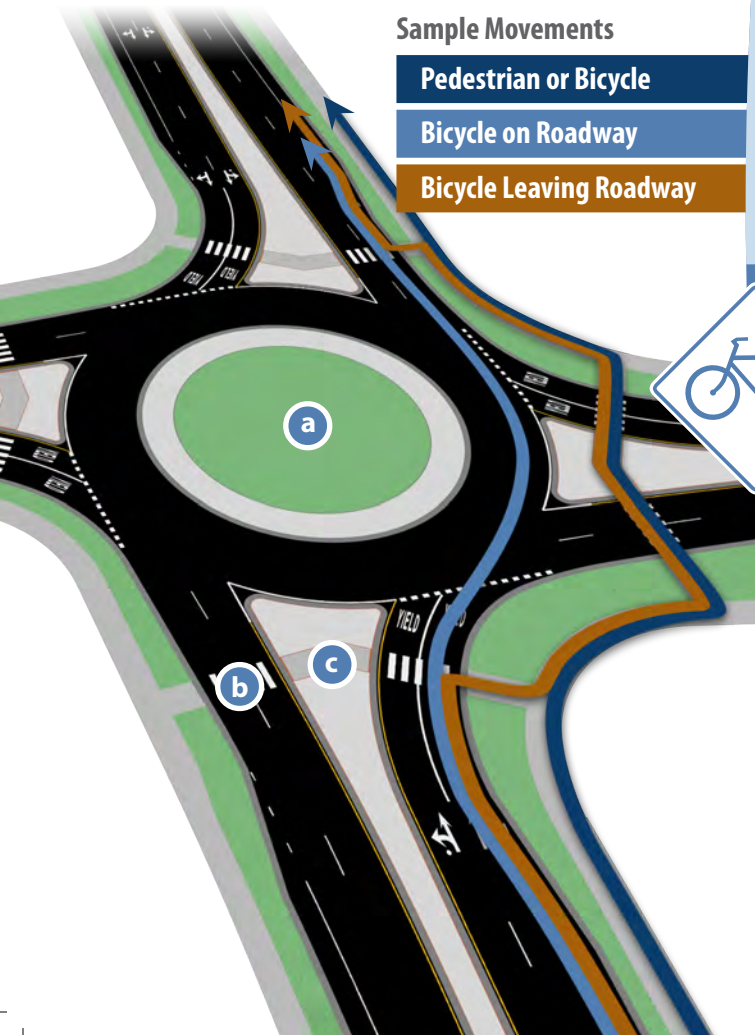
- a** Center Island
- b** Crosswalk
- c** Raised Median Island

### Sample Movements

Pedestrian or Bicycle

Bicycle on Roadway

Bicycle Leaving Roadway



**1** Extend your arm and point to show the motorists that you intend to cross, then wait for a safe gap in traffic.



**2** Cross to the raised median island only when traffic stops and there is a safe gap.

Keep your arm up, pointing as you cross.



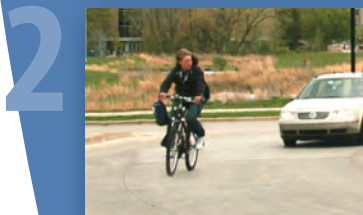
**3** Wait on the raised median island for a gap in the other direction of traffic.

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** On your approach, choose the proper lane for your route.

Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

**2** Yield to traffic in the roundabout; only enter when there is a safe gap in traffic.

Stay in your lane and maintain a good pace. Don't hug the curb – this way, drivers will see you.

## BICYCLES on the trail



It's good practice to dismount at the ramp leading to the trail and walk your bicycle.

Use the trail and crosswalks, following the same rules as pedestrians.