

US-62/SH-82 Intersection

Frequently Asked Questions



What is a roundabout?

A roundabout is a type of circular intersection that eliminates the need for a traffic signal. Traffic travels counterclockwise around a center island. Vehicles entering the roundabout yield to traffic already circulating.



What are the benefits of a roundabout?

The main benefit of a roundabout is increased safety. The curvature of the roundabout results in lower vehicle speeds, and there are no turns across traffic. The number of potential conflict points where a collision could occur are greatly reduced. Roundabouts have been shown to reduce crashes by up to 68% and injury crashes by up to 88% in rural settings.

Roundabouts also improve traffic flow. At a traffic signal, vehicles must stop on red regardless of the amount of cross traffic. At a roundabout, vehicles are not required to stop if the roundabout is clear, so traffic can keep moving.

Roundabouts are less costly to maintain. Signals require electricity 24 hours a day, plus maintenance for burned out lights, detector replacement, etc. Roundabouts require electricity only for street lighting at night and maintenance for landscaping.



How will this roundabout work?

Signs and pavement markings will alert drivers as they approach the roundabout. All traffic entering the roundabout will slow down and check to see if there is traffic in the roundabout. Once clear, vehicles will turn right into the roundabout and exit when they approach the direction they want to travel. The US-62/SH-82 roundabout will also have a bypass lane for westbound US-62 traffic. This traffic will not have to stop or enter the roundabout.



How will I know which way to go?

Signs and pavement markings will tell drivers how to get where they want to go. The biggest difference is that instead of making a left turn, drivers will continue around the circle until they can exit right.



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Won't this be confusing to drivers?

The roundabout will be different than a traditional traffic signal and may take some time for drivers to adjust. However, over time most drivers that are initially skeptical of the roundabout end up liking the improved safety and traffic flow.



What if I miss my turn?

If you miss your exit, just continue to circle until you approach the exit again.



How will I drive through the area during construction?

Traffic will be able to drive through the area during construction. ODOT will build some temporary pavement and install a temporary signal to the west of the existing intersection to accommodate all directions of travel. Traffic will not use the roundabout until all striping and signs are installed.



When will construction start and how long will it take?

Construction is anticipated to start in early 2023 and will take approximately 5 months to complete.

