

Roundabouts are becoming more common in Texas because they provide safer and more efficient traffic flow than standard intersections. By keeping traffic moving one-way in a counterclockwise direction, there are fewer conflict points and traffic flows smoothly. Crash statistics show that roundabouts reduce fatal crashes about 90%, reduce injury crashes about 75%, and reduce overall crashes about 35%, when compared to other types of intersection control.

This sign means 'Roundabout ahead.' You will need to slow down in order to enter the roundabout.

Driving a Roundabout

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YIELD

Steps to Driving a Roundabout

- Slow down and follow traffic signs.
- > Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists before you enter.
- > Yield to all traffic on your left before you enter the roundabout.
- Keep your speed low when approaching and within the roundabout.
- Remain in your lane and use your right turn indicator as you exit.
- Since all traffic is one-way, u-turns must travel around the center island.
- > Yield to pedestrians and bicycles as you exit.

Yield ► The "Golden Rule" of driving roundabouts.

When you enter the roundabout you must yield to circulating traffic.

Yield means the other drivers in the circle have the right-of-way. An approaching motorist has to wait for a safe gap in the flow of traffic in both lanes before entering.

Belt Line Road North

ONE WAY

Pioneer Road South

Sample Turning Movements

Right onto Pioneer Road North Straight onto Belt Line Road North Left onto Eastgate Road Left onto Pioneer Road South Left from Pioneer Road North onto Belt Line Road South

Driving a Roundabout **Turn by Turn** When approaching the roundabout choose

Pioneer Road North

- When approaching the roundabout, choose the correct lane for your desired exit.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Yield to all traffic on your left before entering the roundabout.
- Enter the roundabout at a safe gap in traffic.
- Stay in your lane.
- Use your right turn signal to exit the roundabout.
- > Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk on exiting.

Always follow the signs and markings

As you get closer to the roundabout entrance, it is very important to observe the signs and arrows to determine which lane to use before entering a roundabout. Signs above the road and white arrows on the road will show the correct lane to use.

Belt Line Road South





Guide signs near the entry show the correct lane to use (this sign corresponds with the map above when entering from Belt Line South).



Arrows on the road indicate the correct lane to use.



Yield to all traffic on your left before entering the roundabout.



Remember, all traffic within the roundabout is one-way.