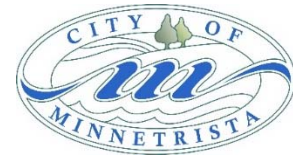




Roundabouts



With the recent installation of the roundabout at Hwy 7 and Kings Point Road in Minnetrista, we thought we would provide some tips for navigating through the roundabout. Roundabouts are often used in new or remodeled intersections to lower the incidents of crashes. Roundabouts show a 39% decrease in all crashes and an 89% decrease in fatal crashes. Roundabouts can handle high levels of traffic with less delay than most stop signs or signals. The tight curves slow traffic so entering and exiting are easier and more efficient.

Driving tips:

- Slow down as you approach the roundabout
- For multi-lane roundabouts, as with any intersection, get into the appropriate lane as you approach the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the roadway.
- Watch for signs or pavement markings that require or prohibit certain movements.
- When entering a roundabout, yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Do not cross into the roundabout until all traffic from the left has cleared.
- After entering a roundabout, drive in a counter-clockwise direction until you reach your exit.
- Do not stop, pass or change lanes within a roundabout.
- If an emergency vehicle approaches, exit the roundabout immediately and then pull over.

For more information and videos on how to use a roundabout, visit the MN Department of Transportation website at:

www.dot.state.mn.us/roundabouts

