

## Over 5,000 roundabouts in Florida



Over 5,000 roundabouts have been installed in Florida. Because of their safety and traffic calming features, roundabouts will continue to be an effective treatment and used in lieu of traffic signals or multi-way stop signs. Roundabout design features accommodate slower speeds while accommodating large vehicles like fire trucks and buses.

- **Yield to both lanes** when approaching a roundabout
- **For multi-lane roundabouts** use the;
  - Left lane to turn left
  - Right lane to turn right
  - And either the right or both lanes to go through, using signs and pavement arrows to guide your lane selection (*which is dependent on the number of exit lanes*).
- **If you don't know which lane to select** stay in the left/inside lane until you know where to exit – it is OK to travel more than one time around the roundabout if you are unsure where to exit and confused.
- **Watch for vehicles exiting** from inside lane before entering roundabout.
- **Maintain a slow speed** and use your right-turn signal to indicate where you intend to exit.

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## ROUNDABOUT INFORMATION GUIDE

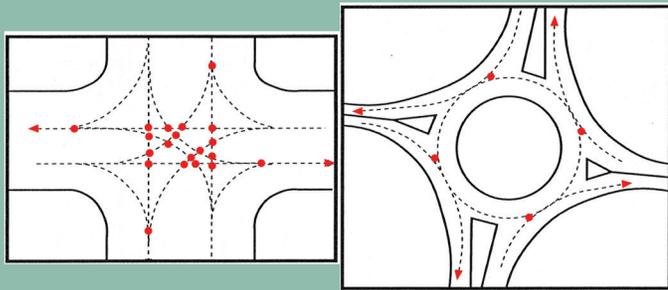
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# WHY A ROUNDABOUT?

## • Improves safety

- More than 90% reduction in fatalities\*
- 76% reduction in injury crashes\*
- 35% reduction in all crashes\*
- Generally safer for pedestrians with slower speeds



● Potential Vehicle Conflict Points

- **Reduces delay** - fewer stops and less idling time
- **Environment** - reduces fuel consumption and air pollution
- **Aesthetics** - the central island is an opportunity to add landscaping or other gateway features
- **Saves money**
  - No traffic signal to maintain in perpetuity (which amounts to approximately \$8000 annually)
  - Less gas consumption
  - Often requires less pavement (and right-of-way)

\*NCHRP Report #572: Roundabouts in the United States, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, Transportation Research Board, Washington, DC 2007

# HOW TO USE A MODERN ROUNDABOUT



## • SLOW DOWN!

• **DO NOT STOP** at the entry if there is no oncoming traffic or in the roundabout.



TRAFFIC IN ROUNDABOUT HAS RIGHT OF WAY

• **Yield to ALL lanes** of traffic within the roundabout. Traffic in Roundabout has Right-of-Way



• **Never turn left** into a roundabout.



• **Travel in a counter-clockwise direction.**



• **Move** out of the way for emergency vehicles.



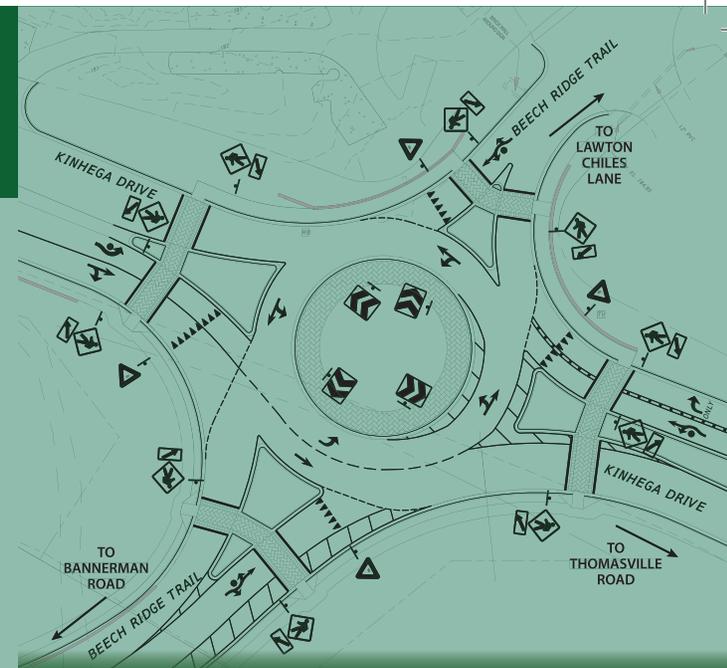
• **Watch** for pedestrians and cyclists.



• **Pedestrians** are provided a splinter island for safe refuge. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in designated crosswalks **"It's the Law"** (Florida Statute 316.130).

• **Cyclists** have two (2) choices;
 

- walk around the roundabout on crosswalks and sidewalks
- or ride through the roundabout with motorized vehicles.



## NEW ROUNDABOUTS IN BRADFORDVILLE

The new roundabouts in Bradfordville will connect Chiles High School, Kinhega Drive, Bannerman Road and Bannerman Square using Beech Ridge Trail. Beech Ridge Trail extension provides an alternative route to motorists needing to use Thomasville Road. **PLEASE** go slow entering and traveling through the roundabouts. Follow the signs and lane designation markings.

