

Safety in Roundabouts

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Roundabouts are “everywhere!”

Current Easy Street roundabout project
2-month project that affects all of us



Don't be like Clark Griswold!!



History of roundabouts

- Began in the United Kingdom in 1956
- First “yield at entry” roundabouts
- Australia and other British-influenced countries eventually followed
- First modern American roundabout was built in 1990
 - Summerlin, Nevada



Why are roundabouts safer?

- Reduce many of the safety hazards of traditional intersections and non-conforming traffic circles.
- Configuration forces a driver to reduce speed during the approach, entry and movement within the roundabout.
- Contrary to a traditional intersection
 - Driver tries to “beat the red light”
- The only movement at an entry and an exit is a right turn
- Reduces potential frequency and severity of accidents



How to drive in a roundabout

- Slow down as you approach the intersection and watch for pedestrians.
- Enter when there is a gap in traffic, yielding to traffic already in the roundabout.
- Once inside, don't stop.
- Exit at your street or continue around if you miss your exit.



Any Questions???

