

MALEY DRIVE EXTENSION AND WIDENING PROJECT Roundabout Overview



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PROJECT OVERVIEW





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Modern Roundabouts

Modern roundabouts are a type of circular intersection that requires drivers to yield to traffic in the circle when entering, and allow for continuous traffic flow through the intersection at low speed¹.

¹ ITE Journal, September 2002



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Modern Roundabouts





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Modern Roundabouts

- Purpose is to provide intersection control
- Differs from a traffic circle that is intended to "calm" local traffic
 - (i.e. Southview Drive traffic circle)
- Priority is given to traffic in the roundabout
- Entering vehicles must YIELD to traffic in the roundabout
- Approaches are designed to encourage reduced speeds
- Pedestrian crossings occur at the approaches





Roundabout Features

Benefits:

- Higher capacity than traditional signalized intersections
- Reduces delay no stop condition vehicles continually moving
- Channelization provides positive guidance to motorists
- Ability to introduce landscaping/public art to entries and center island
- Maintenance costs are less than traffic signals
- Bicyclist may either mix with vehicles within roundabout or use pedestrian pathways
- Truck apron and roundabout design accommodates large design vehicles





Roundabout Features



- Desirable entry speed less than 48 km/h for passenger vehicles
- Entry vehicles yield to traffic in roundabout
- Splitter islands to accommodate pedestrian activity and slow entering vehicle speeds
- Pedestrian crosswalks approximately one car-length from yield line
- Truck apron to accommodate trailer drag





WB-19 Truck Turning Movement





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Roundabout Features

Limitations:

- May require more land to implement
- Requires additional approach signing
- Pedestrians do not have signal phase, but they cross only one direction of travel at a time
- Driver familiarity may be limited in Sudbury at this time







Roundabout Features

Safety Benefits:

- Reduces intersection conflict points from 32 to 8
- Typical entry and circulatory speeds of 35-50 km/h
- Shown to have less collisions than traffic signal
- 48%¹ reduction in collisions
- Reduces the severity of collisions due to lower speeds and flat angle of impact
- 78%¹ reduction in collisions involving personal injuries
- Facilitates more flexibility in turning movements (U-turns)
- 40-60% reduction in pedestrian collisions²

¹ FHWA Roundabouts: An Informational Guide, 2010 ² Region of Waterloo, 2010





Vehicle-Vehicle Conflicts



Roundabout has 75% fewer vehicle conflict points



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Pedestrian Movements



Roundabout has 50% fewer pedestrian conflict points



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Comparative Analysis Frood Road

	Roundabout Control	Signalized Control
Pedestrian Safety	+	-
Driver Familiarity	-	+
Vehicular Safety	+	-
Access Management	+	-
Snow and Ice Management	=	=
Right-of-Way/Parcel Impacts	-	+
Maintenance Costs	=	=
Construction Costs	+	-
Utilities	=	=
Underground Infrastructure	N/A	N/A
Corridor Travel Time	+	-
Environmental – Noise Impacts	+	-
Environmental – Air Quality	+	_
Heavy Vehicle Accommodation	=	=

Comparative Ratings: + (Advantage) - (Disadvantage) = (equal or no significant difference)





Design Geometrics



Proposed Roundabouts

- Inscribed Circle Diameter = 58 m
- Circulatory Roadway Width = 11.3 m
- East/west two-lane entry approaches and circulatory roadway
- North/south one-lane entry approaches and circulatory roadway
- Accommodates side by side WB-20 trucks through the roundabout
- Truck apron on central island
- Raised medians on all approaches to guide vehicles





Proposed Typical Sections



Roundabout Section



Roadway Section



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Roundabout at Frood Road





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Roundabout at College Boreal





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Roundabout at Barry Downe Road





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Roundabout at Lansing Avenue





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"Driving Modern Roundabouts" by Washington State DOT





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Truck Movements – Steel Hopper



Truck dimensions received from manufacturer



Truck created in CADD for design purposes



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Side by side truck movement



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Travel Time through Corridor

	Roundabout Control	Signalized Control	
Eastbound Direction of Travel			
Average Travel Time	6.0 min*	6.5 min	
Average Travel Speed	71 km/h	65 km/h	
Westbound Direction of Travel			
Average Travel Time	5.9 min**	6.1 min	
Average Travel Speed	72 km/h	70 km/h	

* Roundabout travel time savings of 8% over signals **Roundabout travel time savings of 3% over signals (Travel time is from the CPR Overhead to Falconbridge Highway)





Maley Drive at Barry Downe Road Roundabout Simulation





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