

Transportation information to help make it easier to get around Durango

ROUNDBABOUTS

What goes around comes around.

With the new construction projects that are happening in Durango, and the introduction of some new traffic control systems, the City of Durango, thought it would be helpful to discuss the safe use of a roundabout, also known as a traffic circle.



DRIVERS: Slow down to 10-15 MPH as you approach. Stay in your lane, to the right of the splitter island.

- Be sure to look for bicyclists merging into the travel lane, or pedestrians wanting to cross.
- Be considerate, and let the bicyclists merge. If you see a person in or about to enter the crosswalk, let them cross; **it's the LAW**. Then move slowly to the yield line, looking left.
- A YIELD sign will tell you to yield to traffic in the roundabout: You may have to stop to yield to cars on your left.
- If the road is clear, simply enter the roundabout, turning right. You don't have to stop, just enter. Proceed around the roundabout slowly.
- Don't pass bicyclists ahead of you within the roundabout, as your speeds should be nearly equal. Continue until you get to your exit. **Do not stop in the roundabout.**



BICYCLISTS: If you're riding a bicycle, ride as if you were driving a car. Roundabouts are designed so motorists will drive at about 15-25 MPH, close to your bicycling speed.

- Be assertive, so cars see you and respect your right to be on the road.
- If you do not want to ride your bicycle in the roundabout, you may enter the sidewalk using the ramps, and proceed as a pedestrian.
- Once in the roundabout, **don't hug the curb**. Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing and cutting you off.
- Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout, as they may not see you.



PEDESTRIANS: You can walk safely through a roundabout by following these simple steps:

- Proceed around the roundabout on the sidewalk and in the designated crosswalks. **Never walk in the roundabout or to the central island.**
- Cross one lane at a time to the splitter island; it's there to provide you a refuge between lanes.
- When crossing an entry lane, watch traffic coming at you down the entry lane. You have the right of way when you're in the crosswalk, but be careful - make sure that drivers can see you and stop for you.
- When crossing an exit lane, watch for cars leaving the roundabout. Some vehicles will use their right-turn signal, but some won't. You have the right of way, but proceed carefully.

Our goal is to inform you of your transportation options, help you understand your rights as a driver, cyclist, transit rider and pedestrian. The information here will hopefully jumpstart a conversation or help you travel more safely as you run errands, commute to work, or get out and play.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact The City of Durango — Multi Modal Division at 375-4949.

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