

# Rules of the Road



## Roundabouts

Vehicles already in the roundabout *always* have the right of way

Once in the roundabout, do not stop

All traffic in the roundabout proceeds in a counterclockwise direction and all turns are right turns

**Step 1:** Slow down to the posted advisory speed as you approach the roundabout and prepare to stop if necessary

**Step 2:** Yield to cars already in the roundabout; enter the roundabout when there is a safe gap in traffic

**Step 3:** When you reach your desired street, signal and exit the roundabout



## Did You Know?

Roundabouts are great at moving traffic, while providing traffic calming. GDOT states that single-lane roundabouts can move 24,000 vehicles per day. In fact, GDOT requires an examination of the feasibility of roundabouts for all intersection improvements along state routes because they are one of the best and safest options for vehicles.

The Federal Highway Administration lists the following benefits of roundabouts:

### **Improve safety**

- More than 90% reduction in fatalities
- 76% reduction in injuries
- 35% reduction in all crashes
- Slower speeds are generally safer for pedestrians

### **Reduce congestion**

- Efficient during both peak hours and other times
- Typically less delay

### **Reduce pollution and fuel use**

- Fewer stops and hard accelerations, less time idling

### **Complement other common community values**

- Quieter operation
- Functional and aesthetically pleasing

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