

ROUNDABOUT SAFETY

Getting Around Without Worry

Macon's first roundabout on a city street has been installed at the intersection of College Street and Oglethorpe Street. If we can all remember these simple steps, traffic in the area will flow safely and more efficiently than ever before!

APPROACH

When approaching, reduce speed and check the sidewalks and crosswalk for pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Yield to anyone in the crosswalk. Coming to a complete stop is not necessary if no one is in the crosswalk.



ENTERING THE CIRCLE

After the crosswalk, look to the left for any cars already in the circle. Approach the yield line and wait for an opening. If there are no cars there is no need to stop.

INSIDE THE CIRCLE

When inside the roundabout's circle, DO NOT STOP for any reason. Consider your destination and make sure your exit is clear.

EXITING

Just like you use your turn signal at a traditional intersection, use it when exiting the roundabout. If you need to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, use the yield zone outside the circle.

NEVER STOP inside the circle. If there is a car already in the yield zone, or your exit is blocked for any reason, continue to drive around circle until it is clear.

WHY USE A ROUNDABOUT?

Safety

Compared to other types of intersections, roundabouts create safer environments for motorists:

- 35% reduction in all crashes
- 76% reduction in injuries
- Over 90% reduction in fatalities

Pedestrian safety is also enhanced at roundabouts since street crossing is reduced to two simple crossings of one-way traffic moving at slow speeds.

Green, Practical, and Pretty

By design cars make fewer stops and hard accelerations with less time idling when navigating roundabouts:

- 36% reduction of emission gasses
- Quieter operation with less engine noise

Roundabouts, while seemingly complex to new users, are actually much simpler than signalized intersections:

- Reduced installation & maintenance cost
- Significantly less signal equipment to install, power, and maintain
- Aesthetically pleasing