

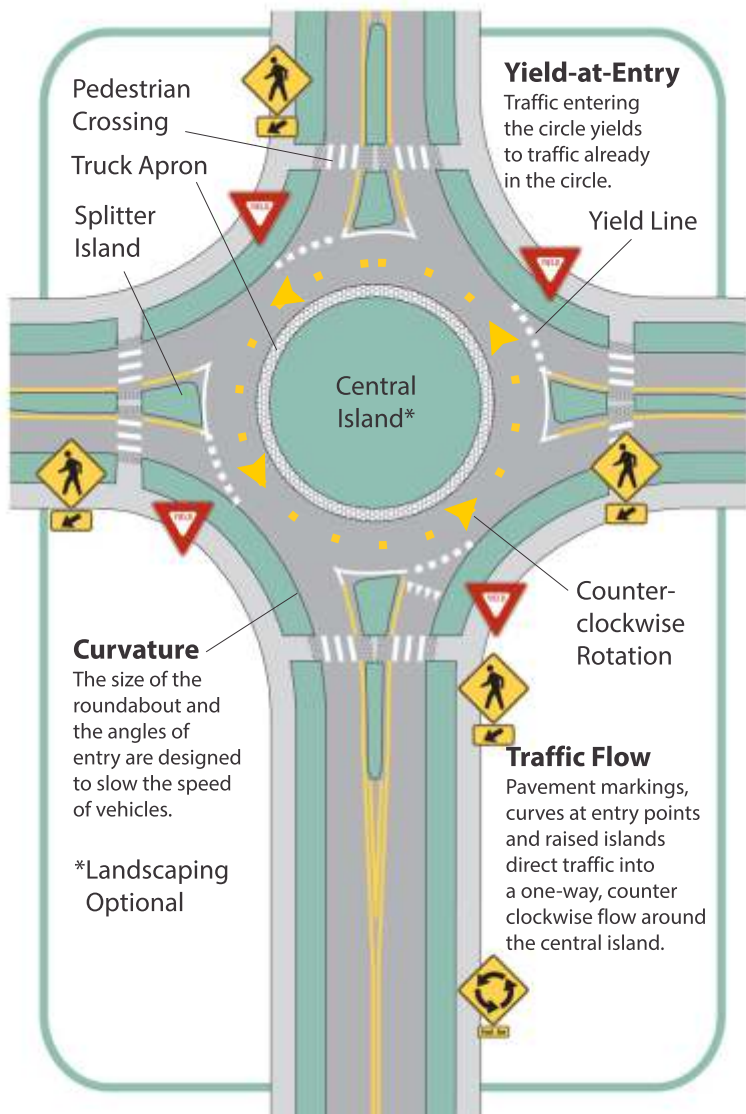


how about a  
**ROUNDAABOUT?**



# features

## modern roundabout



# benefits

## benefits of roundabouts

**Traffic Safety** - Studies have shown significant safety improvements at intersections converted from conventional forms to roundabouts. The physical shape of roundabouts eliminates crossing conflicts that are present at conventional intersections.

**Environmental Factors** - Roundabouts often provide environmental benefits by reducing vehicle delay and the number and duration of stops compared with signalized or all-way stop controlled alternatives. This reduces noise and air quality impacts and fuel consumption significantly.

**Access Management** - Since roundabouts can facilitate U-turns, they can be a key element of a comprehensive access management strategy to reduce or eliminate left-turn movements at driveways between major intersections.

**Traffic Calming** - Roundabouts can have traffic calming effects on streets by reducing vehicle speeds using geometric design rather than relying solely on traffic control devices.

**Pedestrian Safety** - Due to the reduction of vehicle speeds in and around the intersection, roundabouts can improve pedestrian

crossing opportunities. Splitter islands allow pedestrians to focus on one traffic stream at a time.

**Operational Performance** - When operating within their capacity, roundabouts typically have lower overall delay than signalized and all-way stop-controlled intersections.

**Aesthetics** - The central island and splitter islands offer the opportunity to provide attractive entries to communities through use of landscaping, monuments, and art.

**Land Use** - Roundabouts can provide a transition area between high-speed rural and low-speed urban environments.

**Ongoing Operations and Maintenance** - A roundabout typically has lower operating and maintenance costs than a traffic signal due to the lack of technical hardware, signal timing equipment, and electricity needs.

**Approach Roadway Width** - A roundabout may reduce the amount of widening needed on the approach roadways in comparison to alternative intersection forms.

# safety

## reduction in crashes

Roundabouts produce a significant reduction in all types of crashes, including injury crashes, for a variety of conditions. The notable exception is the all-way stop. Fatal crashes at roundabouts are extremely rare events.



### Reduction in Crashes after Conversion to Roundabout

	All Intersections	Signal Urban	All-Way Stop	Two-Way Stop Urban	
Total Crashes	↓ 35%	same	same	↓ 72%	25%
					50%
					75%
Severe Injury	↓ 76%	↓ 60%	same	↓ 60%	25%
					50%
					75%

NCHRP, Report 572, Roundabouts in the United States

## delays vs. intersection type

	Traffic Volume	Roundabout	Signal	4-Way	2-Way
A	7,500 A.D.T.	7.5 sec. <sup>+</sup>	11 sec.*	35 sec.	100 sec.
B	10,000 A.D.T.	10 sec. <sup>+</sup>	13 sec.*	73 sec.	550 sec.
C	12,500 A.D.T.	7.5 sec. <sup>++</sup>	19 sec.**	157 sec.	810 sec.

+ Single Lane Roundabout  
 ++ Dual Lane Roundabout  
 \* Two Phase Signalized Intersection  
 \*\* Three Phase Signalized Intersection

A - 7,500 A.D.T. Maj. Rd./4,000 A.D.T. Min. Rd.  
 B - 10,000 A.D.T. Maj. Rd./5,000 A.D.T. Min. Rd.  
 C - 12,500 A.D.T. Maj. Rd./6,500 A.D.T. Min. Rd.

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# experience

## roundabout projects

State Highway 89 / State Highway 92  
State Highway 89 / Chemin Metairie Pkwy  
State Highway 92 / Bonin Rd  
State Highway 92 / Chemin Metairie Pkwy  
Chemin Metairie Pkwy / Viaulet Rd  
State Highway 733 / Kaliste Saloom Road  
Bonin Rd / Fortune Rd  
Settlers Trace / River Ranch Blvd  
State Highway 3025 / Bendel Road  
State Highway 89 / Fortune Road  
St. Bernard Avenue / Cater Street



Proposed Roundabout at W. 2nd Street, Voorhies Street, Congress Street, S. Pierce Street, and W. Garfield St. in Lafayette, LA

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