
What is a Roundabout?

A roundabout is an unsignalized, circular intersection engineered to maximize safety and minimize traffic delay. Over the last few decades, roundabouts have been installed in Europe, Australia and other parts of the world. Recently, they have gained support in the United States, including communities in Iowa.

Once acquainted to a roundabout, drivers become more comfortable using them. In the communities where the public had been hesitant about accepting them initially, roundabouts ultimately have been accepted because of the increased safety they provide, along with traffic calming, and environmental and aesthetic benefits.

The general rule is to yield when entering the roundabout. A driver approaching a roundabout must slow down, yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and yield to traffic already in the roundabout. Then, when a gap in the traffic develops, enter the roundabout with a right turn onto a one-way street. Once in the roundabout, proceed around the center island and exit at the desired right hand turn.



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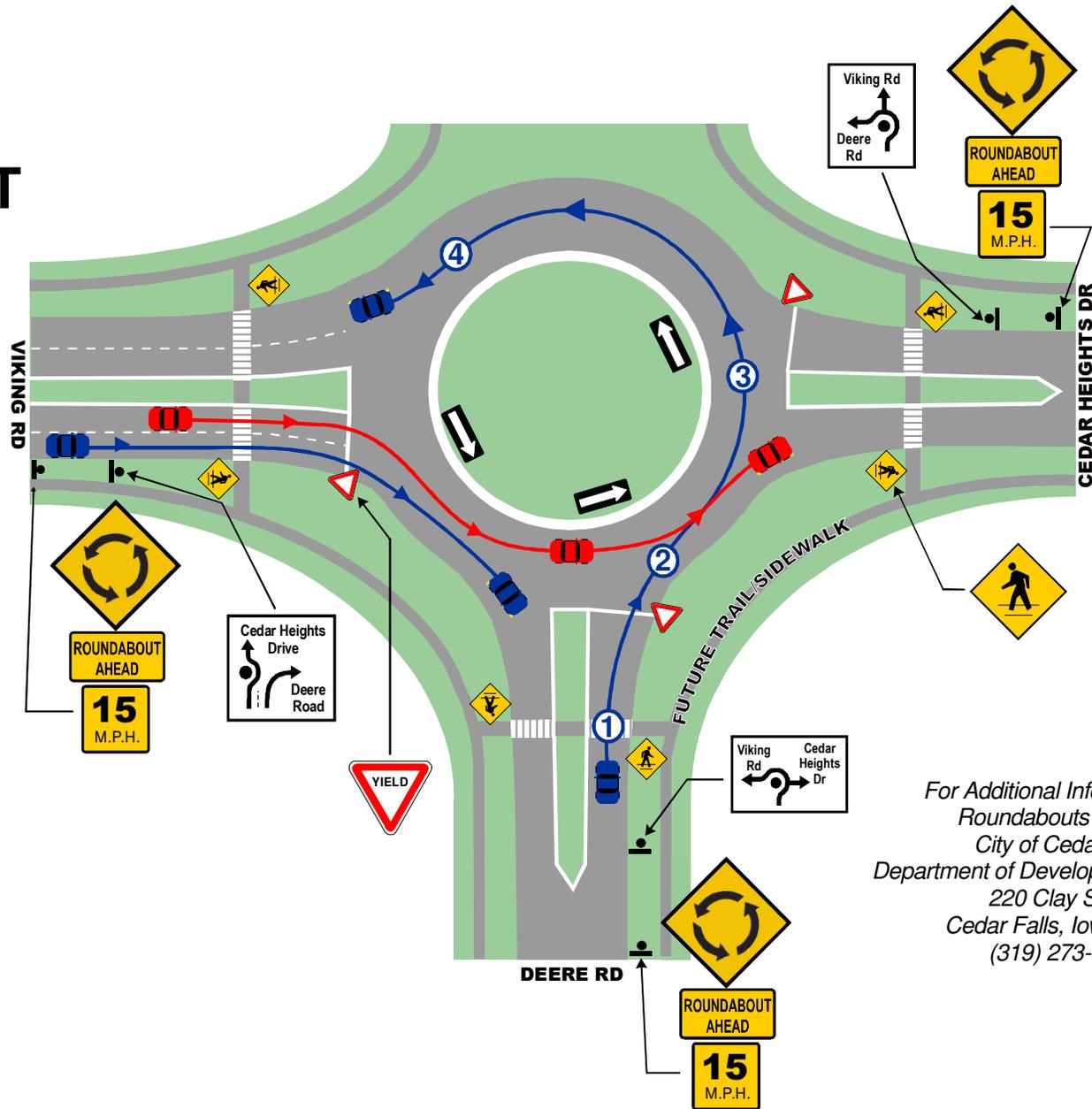
Roundabouts General Information & Driving Instructions



NAVIGATING A ROUNDABOUT

MOTORISTS

- Approach:**
Slow down to the posted speed. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk; they have the right of way.
- Enter:**
Yield to vehicles in the roundabout. Wait for a gap in traffic, and merge into traffic in the roundabout in a counterclockwise direction.
- Proceed:**
Continue through the roundabout until you reach your street. Never stop in the roundabout.
- Exit:**
Signal, then exit the roundabout to your right. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.



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