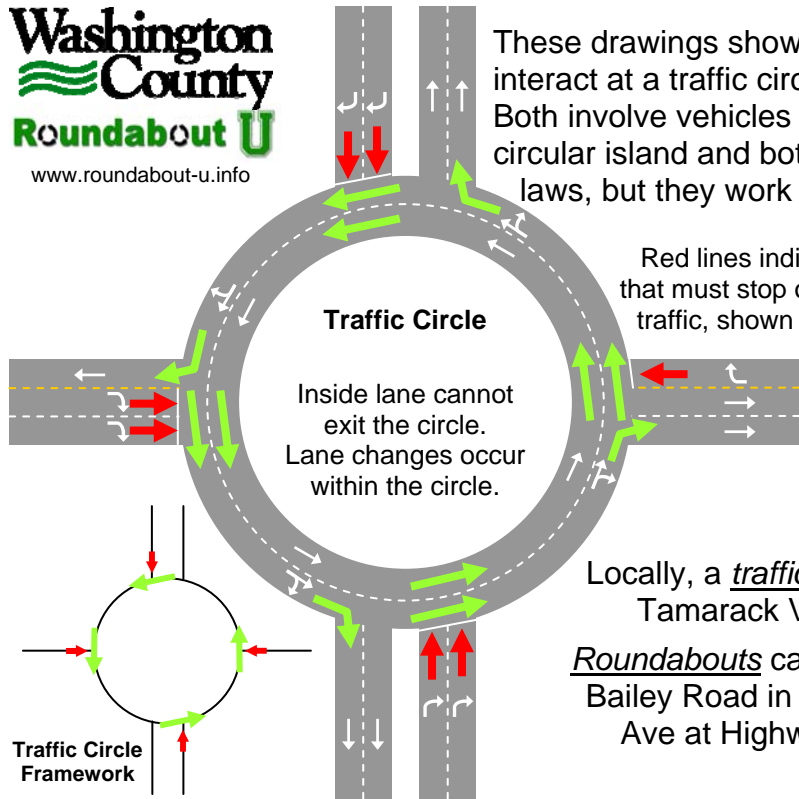


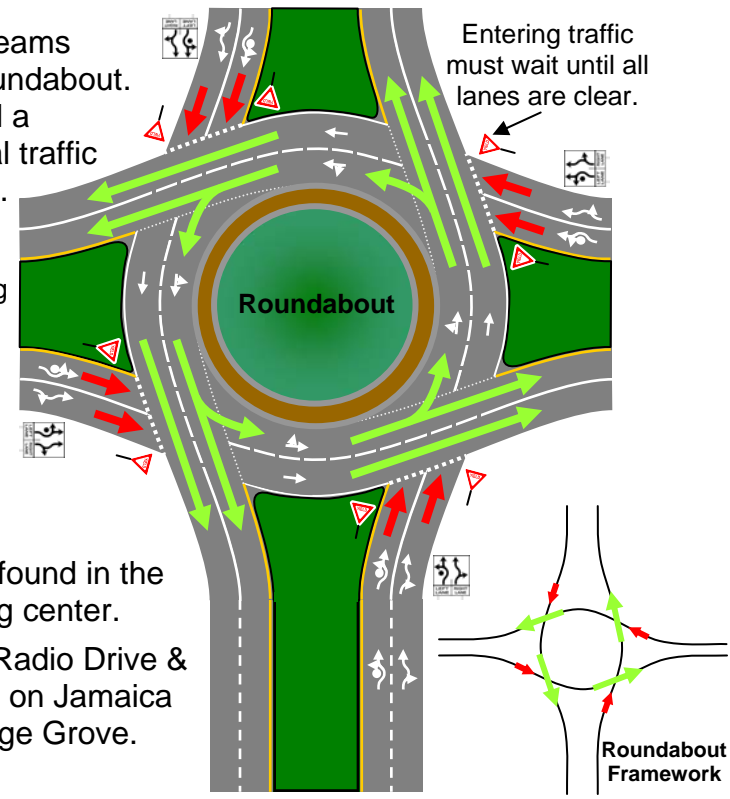
How is a Traffic Circle Different from a Roundabout?



These drawings show how traffic streams interact at a traffic circle versus a roundabout. Both involve vehicles moving around a circular island and both follow normal traffic laws, but they work very differently.

Red lines indicate movements that must stop or yield to crossing traffic, shown by green arrows.

Locally, a *traffic circle* can be found in the Tamarack Village shopping center.
Roundabouts can be found at Radio Drive & Bailey Road in Woodbury and on Jamaica Ave at Highway 61 in Cottage Grove.



Traffic Circle	Modern Roundabout
A traffic circle is a series of "T intersections" with a circle road. Each "T" intersection may be controlled differently.	A roundabout is a series of "crossing intersections" where the entering traffic is controlled by yield signs.
The circle is striped concentrically, like a "bulls-eye". The inside lane must change lanes to the outside in order to exit the circle.	The roundabout is striped as a spiral. Do not change lanes in a roundabout. As with any intersection, choose the proper lane before entering.
Exiting the circle is always a "turn" movement. Drivers may continue to circulate regardless of which lane they are in.	Exiting the roundabout is always a "straight ahead" movement. Staying in the roundabout is a series of left turns.
It is OK to enter a traffic circle alongside circulating traffic, like turning right onto a multi-lane road with traffic in the left lane.	Entering traffic must always yield to ALL traffic in the roundabout, regardless of which lane they are in, just like crossing a one-way road.
A traffic circle may be large, with speeds rarely less than 30 mph.	A roundabout is generally small; speeds are rarely more than 25 mph.
Traffic circles have low capacity and are inefficient; they are used primarily for visual appeal.	Roundabouts are able to handle large volumes of traffic and are used for efficiency and safety.
Entry is usually controlled by stop signs, sometimes by yield signs.	Entry is controlled by yield signs for maximum efficiency.
The central island may have a park or businesses.	Never cross to the center island of a roundabout.