

# How to Drive a Roundabout

## EAST END CROSSING

SR 265/SR 62/PORT ROAD INTERCHANGE





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The SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange includes three modified roundabouts designed to move traffic safely and efficiently. The interchange is part of the East End Crossing project, which will connect southern Indiana near Utica to eastern Jefferson County near Prospect via the new East End Bridge, scheduled for completion in late 2016. The SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange will open in late July 2015.

## DRIVING THE ROUNDABOUTS

Driving the East End Crossing Roundabouts should not be difficult or stressful if you follow these easy steps:

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Can bicyclists use these roundabouts?

Yes, but cyclists should use caution. Cyclists using the East End Crossing roundabouts should ride in the vehicle lanes and follow roundabout rules for vehicles. There will not be a separate bicycle lane.

### Were future traffic volumes taken into account?

Yes. Traffic was projected to the year 2030 based on current traffic volumes increasing by 3.5% per year, which is significantly higher than the normal rate of traffic growth. The higher rate was used to account for projected local economic growth.

### What should I do if an emergency vehicle approaches?

When an emergency vehicle approaches, vehicles in the roundabout should pull over to the right side as they normally would.

### Can these roundabouts accommodate large vehicles?

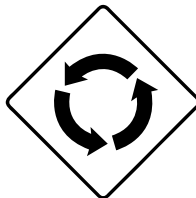
Yes. The EEC roundabouts will accommodate large vehicles, including semis and over-size trailers hauling 140' wind turbine blades. A "truck apron" will provide an area between the roadway and the center island over which the rear wheels of large vehicles and trucks with trailers can safely track.

### What will the speed limit be in the roundabout?

The posted advisory speed will be 20 mph.

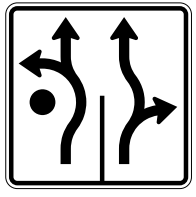
### Will these roundabouts accommodate pedestrians?

Just like the interchange they are replacing, the East End Crossing roundabouts are designed to interstate highway specifications and are not appropriate for pedestrian use. As with the previous interchange, there will be no sidewalks or crosswalks.



### STEP 1 Slow Down

As you approach the roundabout, slow down to the posted advisory speed and prepare to stop if necessary.



### STEP 2 Choose the Proper Lane

Get in the correct lane well in advance of the intersection. Lane-use signs will show which lanes can be used for different turns. In this example:

- To turn right, get into the right lane
- To go left, get into the left lane
- The sign shows that you can go straight from either lane in this example.

### STEP 3 Yield on Entry

When you reach the roundabout, yield to traffic already in the roundabout. Because the inside lane of the roundabout is allowed to exit, never attempt to enter alongside circulating vehicles, as they may intend to exit.



### STEP 4 Enter the Roundabout

When there is a safe gap in both lanes of crossing traffic, proceed into the roundabout, keeping to the right of the central island. Stay in your lane. Never change lanes within the roundabout; you must be in the proper lane before entering.





## STEP 5 Exit the Roundabout

Once you've entered the roundabout, you have the right of way. When you reach your exit, use your right turn signal to indicate your intention to exit, then proceed out of the roundabout.



OVERALL INTERCHANGE



### Through Movement

Through movements can be made from the right or left lanes. Pay attention to signage and pavement markings that indicate which lanes have through movements. Remember to stay in your lane as you navigate through the roundabout.



### Right-Turn Movement

Right-turn movements should be made from the right lane. Drive in the right lane as you approach the roundabout, yield to circulating traffic, then make the right turn. If the lane is marked *right turn only*, don't go straight or left.



### Left-Turn Movement

Similar to a traditional intersection, left-turn movements should only be made from the left lane. Drive in the left lane as you approach the roundabout, yield to circulating traffic, then proceed into the roundabout to make the left turn. When you see your exit, you can continue straight out of the roundabout. Remember not to change lanes within the roundabout, and *do not turn left if you are in the right lane*.



### Truck Apron

There is a concrete ring around the inside of the roundabout. This is called a truck apron, and should only be used by large trucks and farming equipment, buses, and emergency vehicles to maneuver around the circulatory roadway. *No other vehicles should drive on the truck apron.*



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