

# Navigating a Modern Roundabout

## DRIVING A ROUNDABOUT WITH TWO LANES

**Choose the proper lane before entering:** As you get closer to the roundabout entrance, it is very important to observe the signs and arrows to determine which lane to use before entering a roundabout. Black and white signs on the side of and overhead the road and white arrows on the road will show the correct lane to use. In general, if you want to make a left turn, you should be in the left lane or other lanes that are signed and marked as left turn lanes. If you want to make a right turn, you should be in the right lane or other lanes that are signed and marked as right turn lanes. If you want to go straight, observe the signs and arrows to see what lane is correct.

### Left turns / u-turns: use left lane

- » When approaching the roundabout, use the left lane, or other lanes that are signed and marked as a left turn lane.
- » Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- » Yield to all traffic on your left before entering the roundabout.
- » Enter the roundabout when there is a safe gap in traffic.
- » Stay in your lane.
- » Use your right turn signal to exit the roundabout.
- » Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk at the exit.

### Going straight: use right lane or left lane

- » When approaching the roundabout, choose the correct lane for your desired exit.
- » Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
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- » Stay in your lane.
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### Right turns: use right lane

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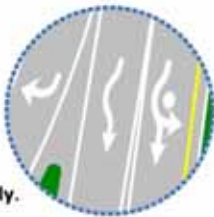
### Large trucks:

- » Large vehicles need more space in a roundabout.
- » All drivers should be cautious and avoid driving next to or passing large trucks while approaching and maneuvering through a roundabout.
- » A truck apron is a paved area inside a roundabout.
- » It is for the rear wheels of large trucks to use when turning.
- » Trucks may cross into other lanes or onto the truck apron.
- » Truck aprons are not to be used by cars, SUVs or pickup trucks.

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## LANE CHOICE IS CRITICAL AT ROUNDABOUTS

- » Right lane is for right turns only.
- » Center lane is for through traffic only.
- » Left lane is for left turns, u-turns, or through traffic only.



### Pedestrians

- » Pedestrians at the curb side look left for oncoming traffic before crossing.
- » Pedestrians within the crosswalk island area look right for oncoming traffic before crossing.

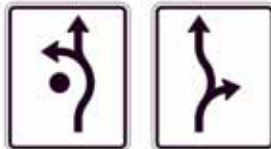
Crosswalk:  
Yield to pedestrians



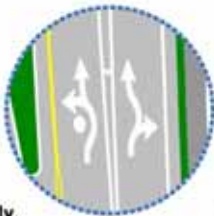
- » Right lane is for right turns or through traffic only.
- » Left lane is for left or u-turns only.



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- » Black and white signs on the side of and overhead the road.
- » Right lane is for right turns or through traffic only.
- » Left lane is for left turns, u-turns, or through traffic only.



### Bicycles

- Bicyclists can continue
- » through the roundabout taking the travel lane, or
  - » may use the sidewalks and the crosswalks.

Traffic circulates counterclockwise in a roundabout

31W Nashville Rd

Left turns / u-turns:  
use left lane

Going straight:  
follow the pavement markings, arrows or signs

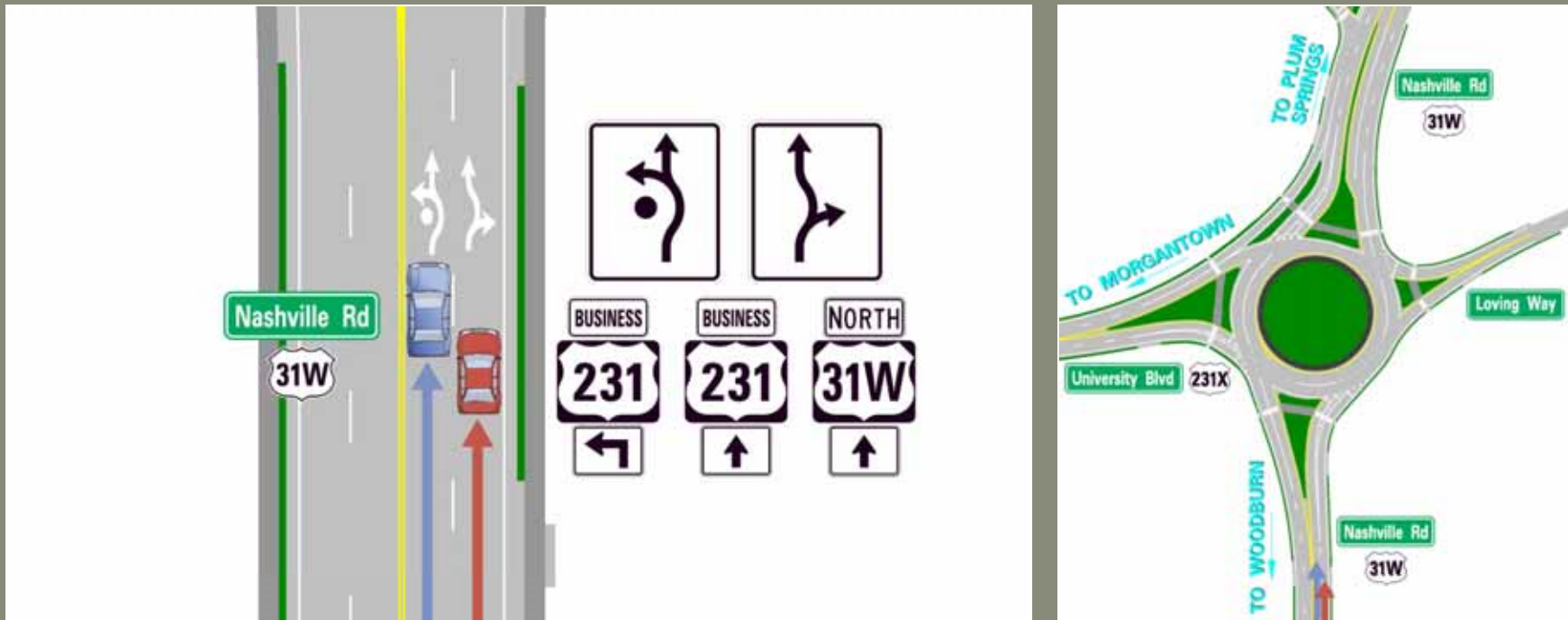
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Choose your lane and yield to all traffic in both lanes before entering roundabout

## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Northbound



- When approaching the roundabout, observe the signs and arrows to determine which lane to use before entering the roundabout.
- Black and white signs on the side of and overhead the road and white arrows on the road will show the correct lane to use.

## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Northbound



- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Do not stop on or across the crosswalk, as you are waiting to enter the roundabout.
- Leave a gap for pedestrians to use the crosswalk.

## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Northbound



- Yield to all traffic on your left before entering the roundabout. Remember, traffic in the roundabout has the right-of-way.
- Enter the roundabout when there is a safe gap in traffic and stay in your lane.

## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Northbound



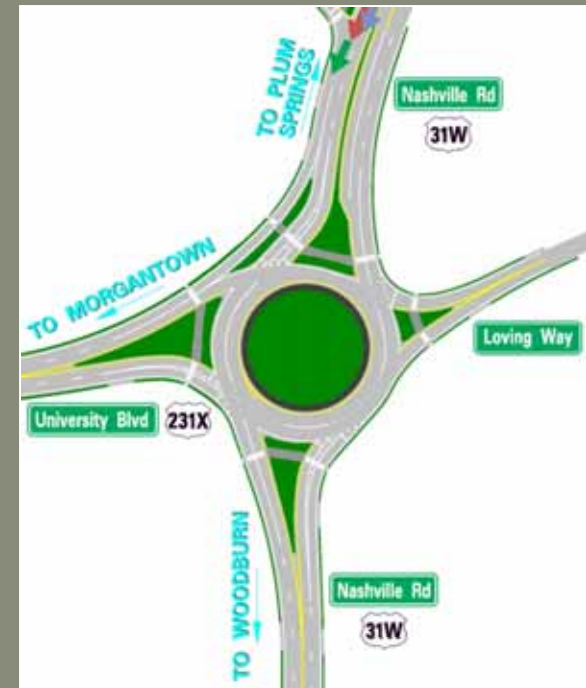
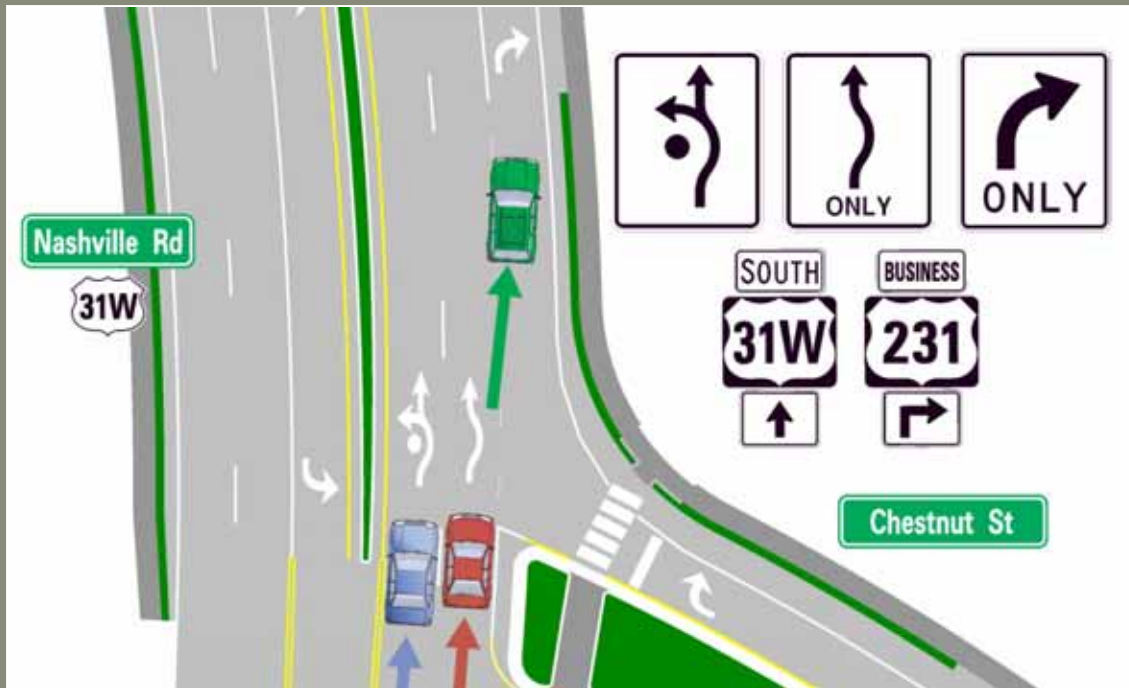
- Keep your speed low and proceed counter-clockwise to your exit.
- Remember you now have the right-of-way and never stop in the roundabout.

## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Northbound



- Use your right turn signal to exit the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk at the exit.
- Do not accelerate until after crossing the pedestrian crosswalk.

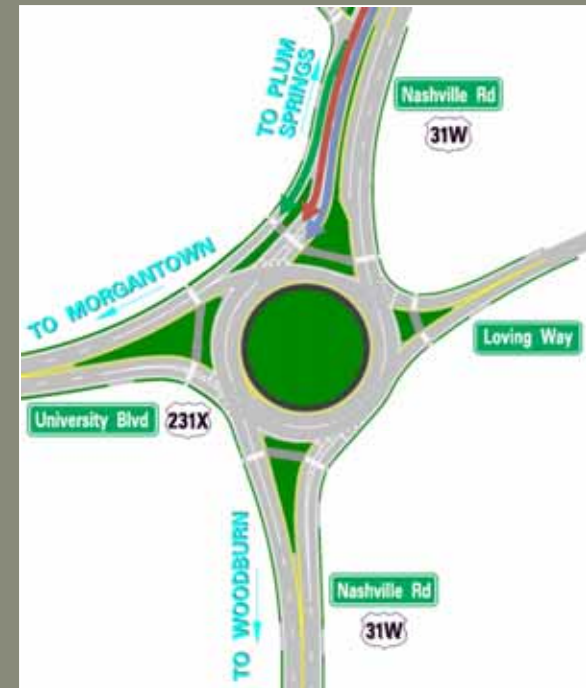
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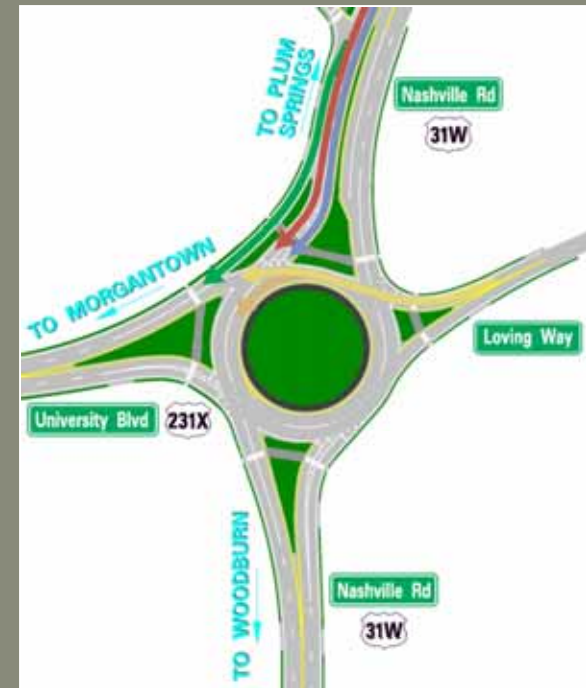


## Nashville Rd – US 31W - Southbound



- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Do not stop on or across the crosswalk, as you are waiting to enter the roundabout.
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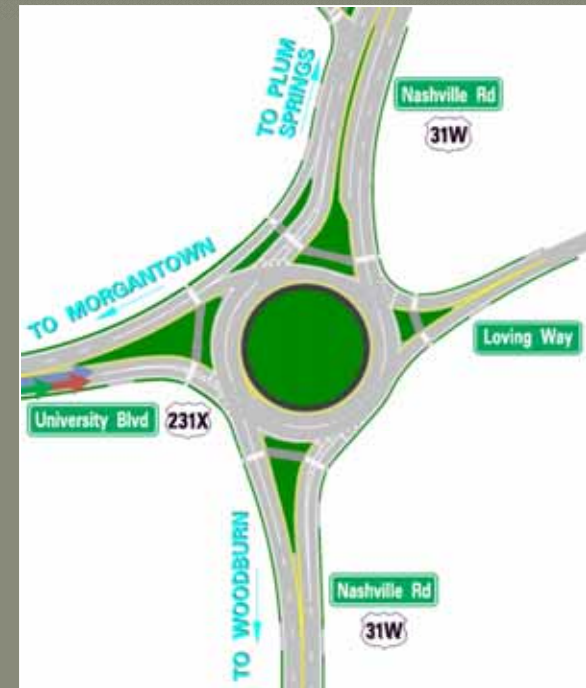
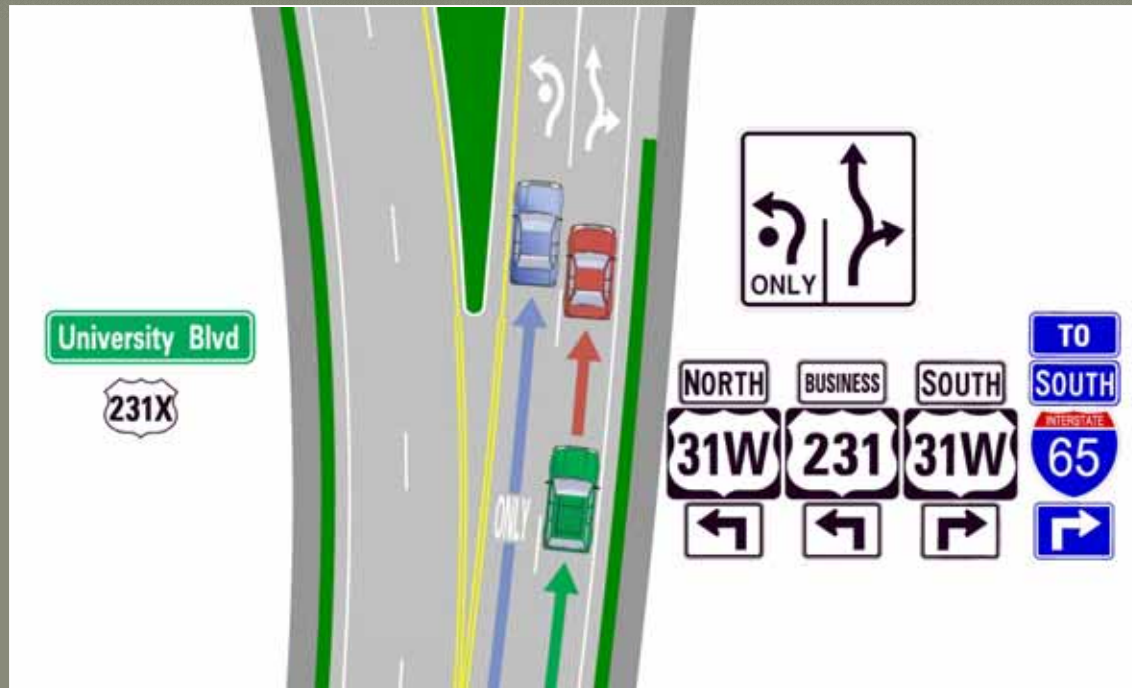
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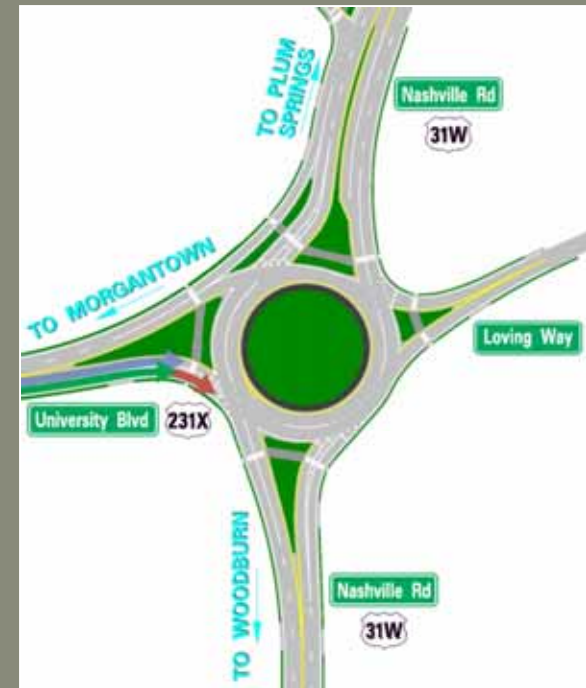
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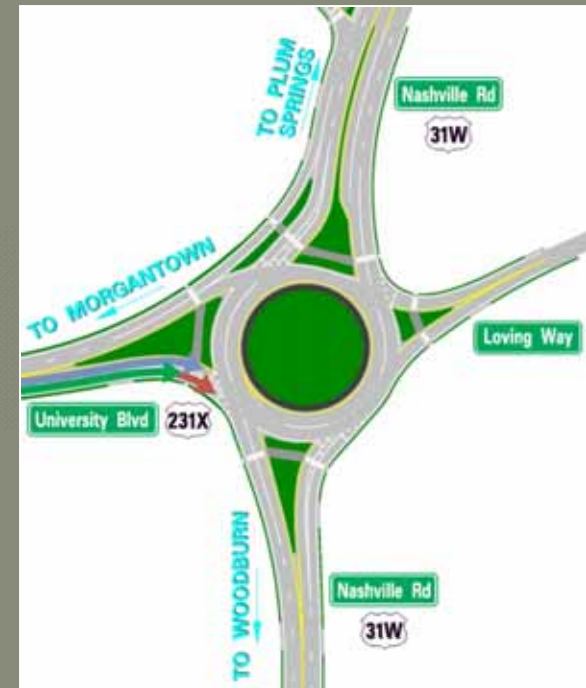
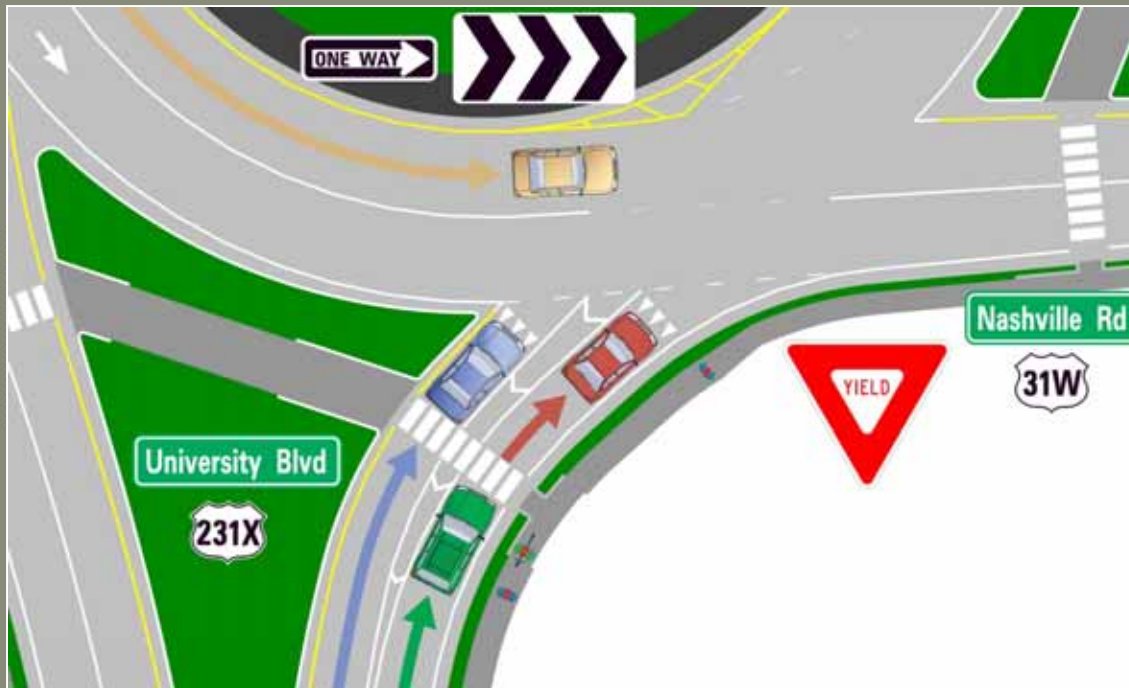
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# Navigating the Bowling Green Roundabout



- **Bicyclists are permitted to ride within the roundabout, like a motor vehicle, and shall be treated as another vehicle. Do not pass a bicycle in the roundabout.**
- **Bicyclists can also use the sidewalks and crosswalks.**
- **Bicyclists using the circulatory roadway shall follow the same rules as a motorist. Ride at the speed of the circulatory roadway to discourage cars from passing you and use hand signals when exiting.**



# Navigating the Bowling Green Roundabout



**Drivers should behave in the same manner as they would on any other road if an emergency vehicle approaches, move as far right as possible to let the emergency vehicle pass. Do not enter the roundabout when an emergency vehicle approaches from another leg of the intersection. Exit the roundabout if you are in the roundabout and move as far right as possible after exiting. Allow vehicles in the roundabout to clear in front of the emergency vehicle.**

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**Large trucks and emergency vehicles drive on the circulatory roadway the same as other motor vehicles except they may use the provided truck apron to negotiate the tight turning radius of the roundabout. Generally, only the trailing wheels will track over the raised pavement of the truck apron.**

# Navigating the Bowling Green Roundabout



- **Stay on the designated walkways at all times and never cross the circular roadway to the central island.**
- **Cross one side of the road at a time, using the splitter island as a refuge before crossing the other side of the road.**
- **When crossing the street from curbside, look to your left for oncoming traffic. You have the right-of-way, but be careful, making sure drivers can see you and stop for you.**
- **When crossing the street from within the splitter island, look to your right for oncoming traffic.**