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"Personally, I love them, and I'll tell you why. You only have to stop one lane of traffic, then go to the middle and wait. The cars can't go much faster than 20 mph through the roundabout so the crossing aspect is great."

Denise Haltom
School Crossing Guard, Suamico, Wisconsin
Green Bay Press-Gazette
February 6, 2001

"We have had a lot of people not very happy about the idea of roundabouts, but after they are constructed, those fears mostly go away."

Brian Walsh
Washington State Department of Transportation
Seattle Times
June 5, 2002

"We all know people speed up to get through a yellow light. But at the roundabout, all the vehicles have to slow down ... we have almost 50 roundabouts now, we have a lot [fewer] personal injuries. We have fewer fatalities."

James Brainard
Mayor, City of Carmel, Indiana
www.nbc17.com
November 8, 2007

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Investment in roadway safety saves lives

Education is key.

Education is vital to the acceptance and success of a roundabout. Navigating a roundabout is easy. But because people can be apprehensive about new things, it's important to educate the public about roundabout use.

There are just a few simple guidelines to remember when driving through a roundabout:

1. Slow down.
2. If there's more than one lane, use the left lane to turn left, the right lane to turn right, and all lanes to go through, unless directed otherwise by signs and pavement markings.
3. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
4. Yield at the entry to circulating traffic.
5. Stay in your lane within the roundabout and use your right-turn signal to indicate your intention to exit.
6. Always assume trucks need all available space — don't pass them!
7. Clear the roundabout to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Visit safety.fhwa.dot.gov to learn more about roundabouts

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Design standards for roundabouts continue to evolve, and not all features of existing roundabouts meet current recommended practice. Please refer to FHWA's web site for recommendations on current design practice.

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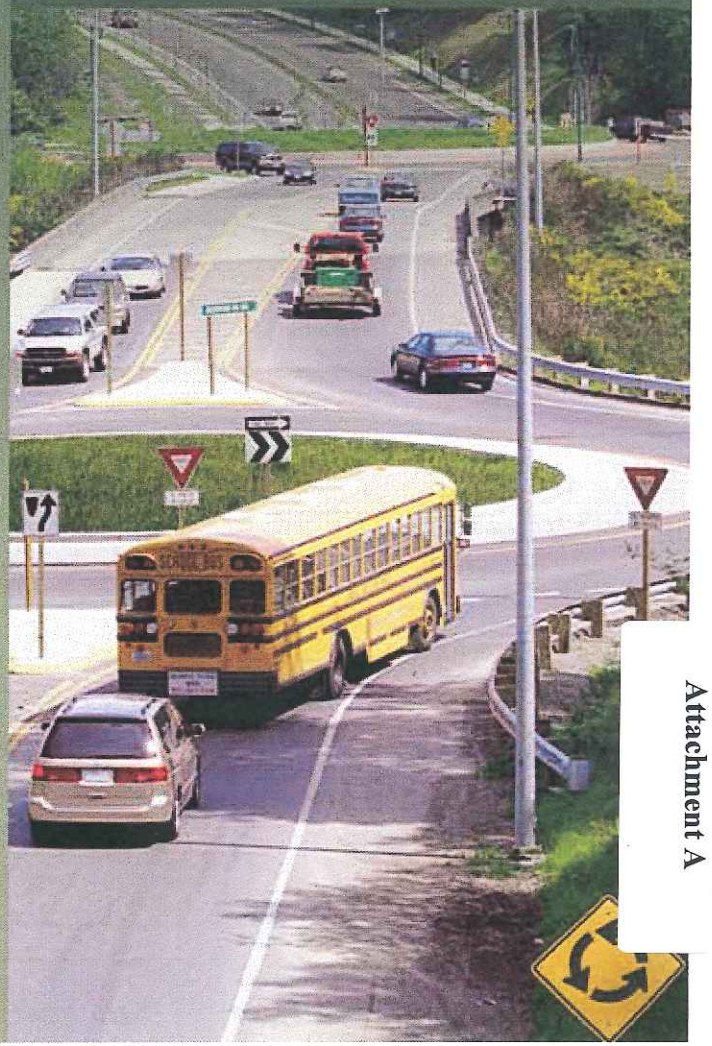

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