



## Modern urban roundabouts are significantly safer and offer a higher level of mobility than the previously used rotary traffic circles.

Earlier rotary traffic circles were generally designed for higher speeds, encompassed a much larger footprint and might include stop signs or traffic signals for various through movements.



Some had multiple lanes entering and exiting with no clear lanes identified within the circle creating somewhat of a “free for all” movement.

*Photos courtesy of Google*

## Today's roundabout

- Dimensions are smaller in scale – vehicles travel at slower speeds.
- Drivers enter on curved lanes yielding to those in the roundabout. Lanes are defined.
- Pedestrian facilities are located prior to vehicles entering the roundabout.