

# Richland Wye Roundabout



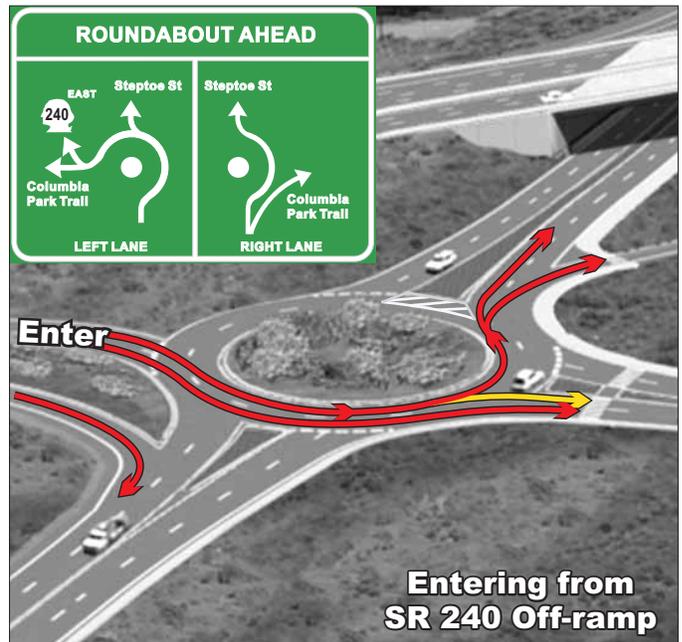
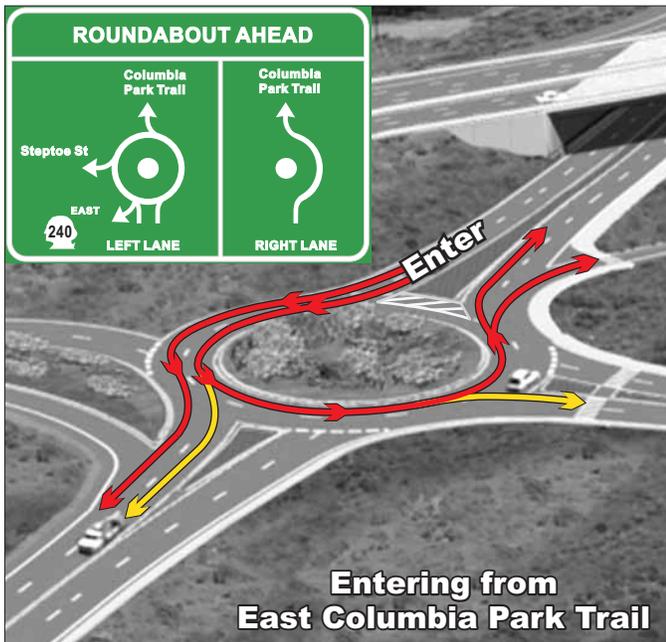
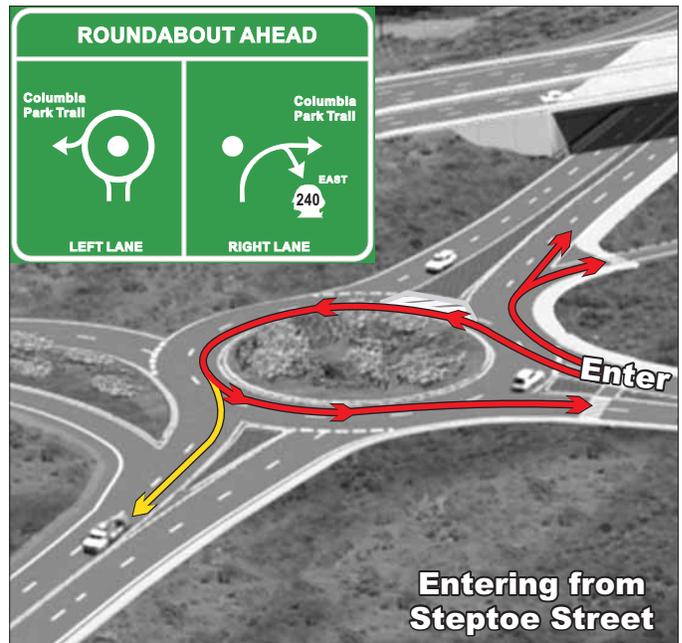
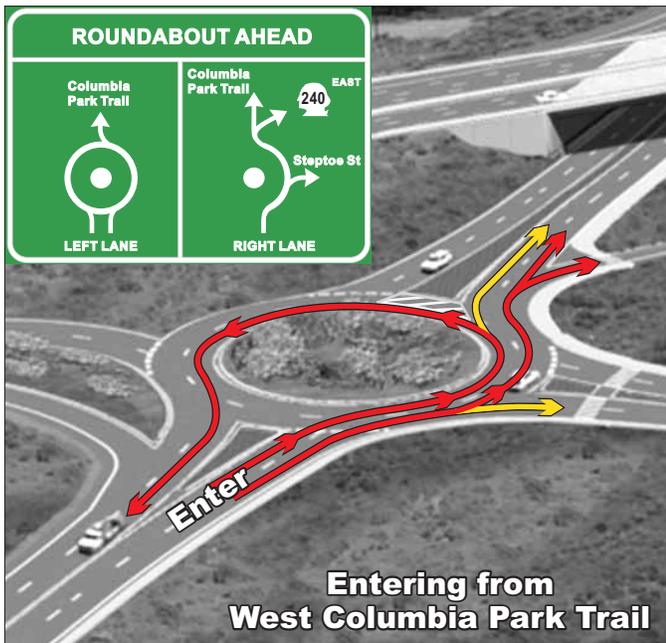
## Rules of the Road

- Slow down
- Choose your lane prior to entering the roundabout
- Yield to both lanes inside the roundabout
- Drivers in the roundabout have right-of-way
- Approach in the left lane to turn left or go straight through
- Approach in the right lane to turn right or go straight through
- Once inside the roundabout, keep moving, DON'T STOP
- No lane changes inside the roundabout
- Trucks are permitted to use both lanes of the roundabout when needed
- Do NOT attempt to drive next to or pass a truck
- Exit the roundabout and pull over for emergency vehicles
- Be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Use your turning signal prior to exiting



# SR 240 – Tri-Cities Additional Lanes

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 Optional movement  
 Mandatory movement

### Why build a roundabout?

**Safety.** Studies show that roundabouts are significantly safer than traffic signals. People drive more slowly through a roundabout, reducing the frequency and severity of accidents. In addition, drivers can no longer run a red light or turn left in front of oncoming cars, actions that can result in severe or fatal injuries.

The Insurance Institute For Highway Safety reports that roundabouts sharply reduce crashes. Researchers at Ryerson Polytechnic University found a 39 percent overall decrease in crashes and a 76 percent decrease in injury-producing crashes. Collisions involving fatal or incapacitating injuries fell as much as 90 percent.

**Economic and Environmental Benefits.** Roundabouts are more economical and environmentally friendly than intersections with traffic signals. Roundabouts eliminate maintenance and electricity costs associated with traffic signals. Fuel consumption and air pollution decrease due to significant reductions in wait time. Traffic moves through the intersection more quickly because motorists simply yield rather than stop and wait for a green light.