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How should motorists navigate the roundabout?

As you approach the intersection, look left. Yield to all lanes of traffic in the roundabout.

Once you safely enter the roundabout, follow the signs and pavement markings and do not stop for vehicles waiting to enter the roundabout.

Continue around the roundabout until you approach your exit, signal and then exit the roundabout.

How will trucks in the area navigate the roundabout?

Commercial vehicles can navigate the roundabout in nearly the same manner as a passenger vehicle. However, large trucks will sometimes need to utilize the truck apron. The truck apron is a raised portion in the center of the roundabout that discourages use by passenger vehicles, but allows the back wheels of a truck to easily ride-up to aid in completing turns.

What should motorists do if an emergency vehicle enters the roundabout?

If an emergency vehicle approaches before you enter the roundabout, pull to the right and let the emergency vehicle pass.

If an emergency vehicle enters the roundabout while you are already circulating, do not stop. Motorists need to continue through the roundabout and pull off onto the shoulder of the roadway immediately after exiting.

The Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson currently plan to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 61 and Main Street in Jackson. In addition, there will be changes to the intersection of Washington Street and High Street.

What are the benefits of constructing a roundabout in this location?

Roundabouts help reduce stops by allowing vehicles to yield instead of waiting for a traffic light to change—improving efficiency. In addition to helping traffic flow more smoothly, a roundabout will improve safety. Roundabouts have fewer conflict points, or spots where vehicles could collide, than signalized intersections. The reduced number of conflict points, combined with slower speeds and calmer traffic, has been found to reduce the number of severe crashes.

How will this impact future improvements planned in the area?

The roundabout is a cost-share project between MoDOT and the City of Jackson. Separate discussions are currently underway regarding the county's property and relocation of the courthouse. Although the two projects are separate, MoDOT is taking the county's discussions into consideration, and the roundabout is designed to work with future improvements the county may make.

What is a cost-share project?

The City of Jackson will contribute 50 percent of the cost, with MoDOT contributing the other half. (Each contributing approximately \$750,000.) This agreement was reached in 2011, prior to the suspension of the cost-share program.

What is the anticipated timeframe for the project?

Right of way acquisition will begin in late summer 2015 or early fall 2015. The project will be let in spring 2016, with construction underway in 2016. Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2016.

How will construction of the roundabout impact traffic?

During work, bypasses will be in place through staging phases. Periodic, short duration closures will occur through the course of the project as the legs of the roundabout are tied-in the existing pavement.

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Proposed Roundabout
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