
Roundabouts

The Responsible Solution



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Geography of Reasoning



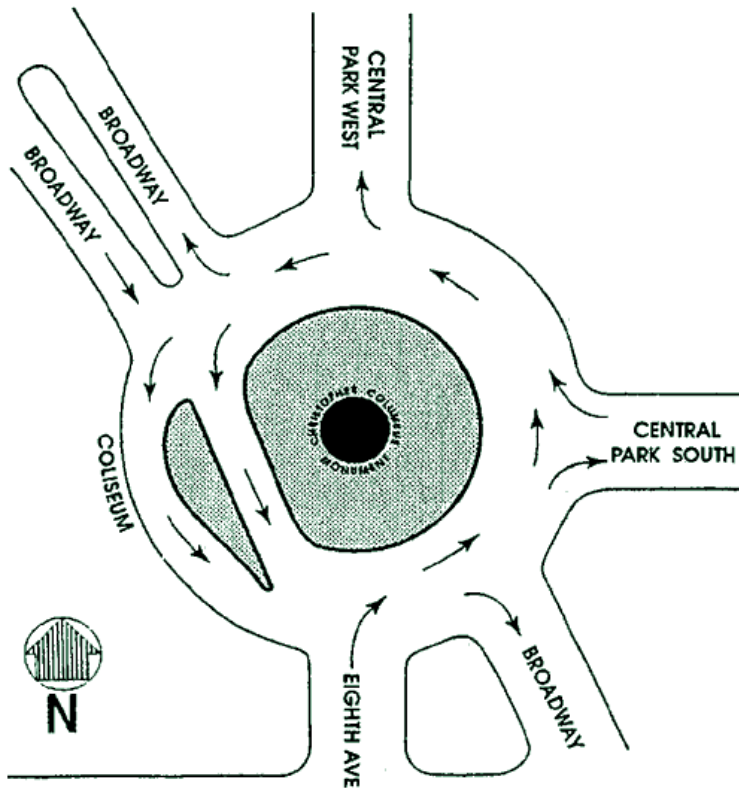
Purpose

- Policy Guidance
- Less Technical
- Critical Conclusions
- Reality Check





Refined Idea



- Extensive History
- Abandoned for Signals
- Significant Research
- New Pioneers

“Modern” Roundabout - Latest Refinements



National Roundabout Conference 2005 DRAFT

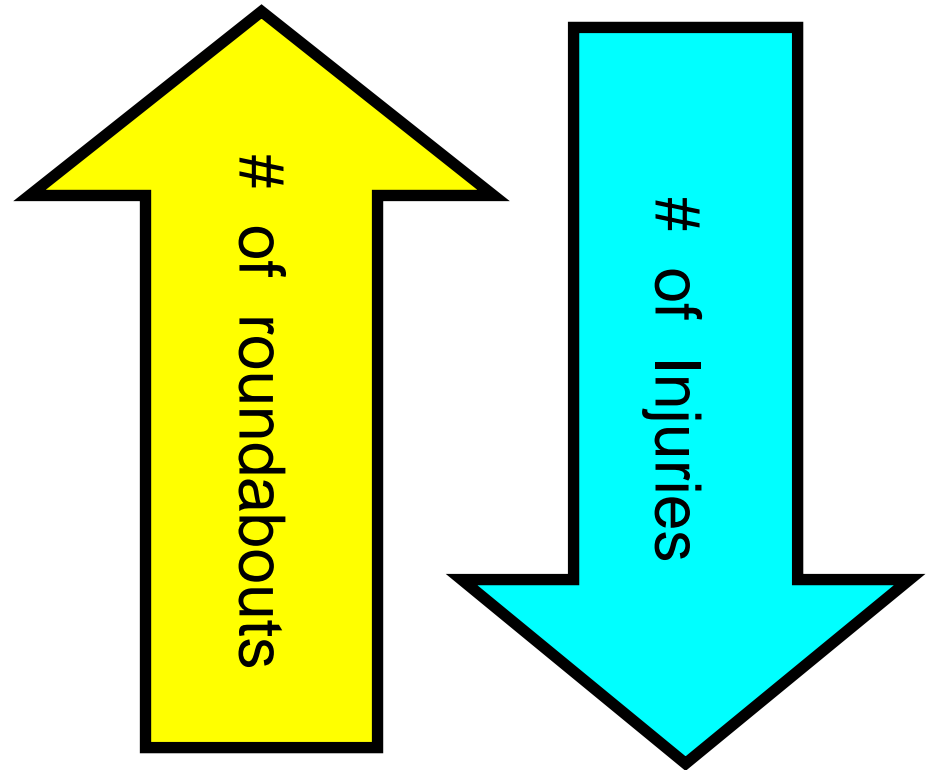
Responsible Evaluation

- Safety of All Modes and Users
- Legal
- Environmental (Air and Noise)
- Aesthetic
- Life Cycle Costs
- Planning Context



Safety - Vehicle

- Statistically Proven
- North America
 - ⊕ Not That Special
 - ⊕ US Studies
- Fully Supported By Technical Bodies
- Insurance Industry



Insurance Industry Support

- Insurance Institute of Highway Safety
- State Farm Insurance
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia



Provincial/State Medical Costs

- Fewer accidents
 - Lower severity
 - Lower costs
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- Up front costs promote Health Care rather than Sick Care



Legal



- Informed Decision
- Professional Responsibility
- Social Responsibility

Environmental



- Kyoto Protocol
- Clean Air Act
- San Joaquin Valley

A roundabout with 25,000 daily entering vehicles can reduce the annual fuel consumption by 227,000 litres compared to a signalised intersection.

Planning Context

- Commuter Route
- Bus Route
- Truck Route
- Bike Route
- Schools
- Multi-family Residential
- Commercial
- Large Grocery Store
- Sports Field Complex
- Nearby Government Complex



The background of the slide is a dense, chaotic stream of US dollar bills falling from the top. The bills are in various orientations and denominations, including \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100. The lighting is dramatic, with the bills appearing to glow against a dark background.

Economic

- Initial Cost Varies
- Longer Replacement Life
- Low Maintenance Cost
- Self Regulating During Fluctuations
- Superior Life Cycle Costs
- Intangibles

Economic

Figure 4: Cost Estimates for Single Lane Roundabouts and Signals at Howard Intersections

Intersection	Costs for Roundabouts	Costs for Signals	Savings with Roundabouts
Cardinal/Glendale	\$115,000	\$250,000	\$135,000
Cardinal/Wooddale	\$179,300	\$313,000	\$133,700
Wooddale/Velp	\$190,700	\$445,000	\$254,300
Totals	\$485,000	\$1,008,000	\$523,000

Source: Brown County Highway Department


$$\cancel{E = MC^3}$$

CIRCULAR MOTION = LINEAR THINKING

Next Step for You?

- Get the **Facts**. Know the **Facts**.
- Commit to a Positive Philosophy
- Implement Philosophy Not Design
- Dispense Knowledge
- Take It To The Streets
- Enjoy a More Sustainable Environment

Questions????

Where can I.....?

You're full of...!!!

Huh?

Did you say....?

What about.....?