

Driving the

# Roundabout Way

## Roundabouts: Safer, Quicker, More Economical

**Driving in circles** can be a good thing, especially if it means you get where you want to go quicker and safer. That's why the Missouri Department of Transportation uses roundabouts as a way to manage traffic at some intersections, such as Route W and Business 54 at Lake Ozark.

### How They Work

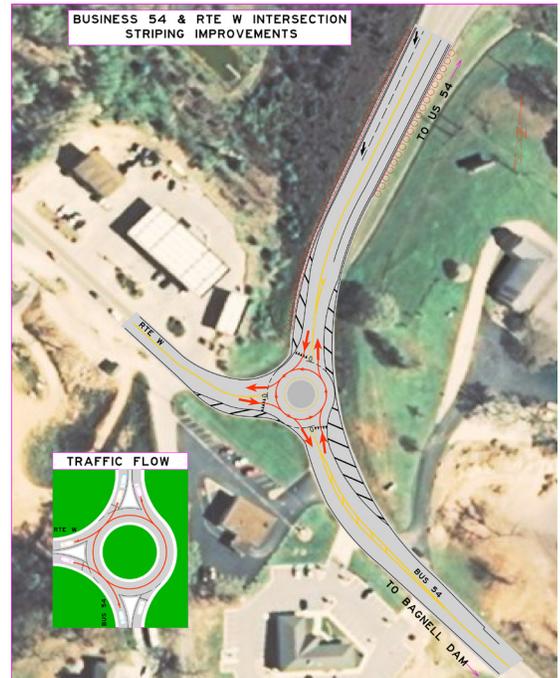
A roundabout is basically a circle in the middle of an intersection that replaces stop signs or signals. The roundabout at Route W and Business 54 at Lake Ozark will be painted on the existing pavement and will eliminate the stop sign at Route W and Business 54. The center of the roundabout will be flat to allow big trucks and vehicles pulling trailers to make the turns without hitting a raised surface. A diagram showing the Route W and Business 54 roundabout can be found at [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central).

While this intersection is a little bit different than some because it has three legs instead of four, the roundabout operates the same. Here's how it works: Vehicles approaching the roundabout will make a right turn and move in a counter-clockwise direction through the intersection. All entering traffic yields to the traffic already in the circle.

### Benefits

Because the roundabout is designed to allow for the free flow of traffic, congestion and delays are reduced. For example, if there is no traffic in the circle you do not have to stop, thereby reducing your delay time. In addition, the roundabout decreases the number of spots where vehicles could collide - such as left turns - which reduces the chance for crashes.

For more information on **Roundabouts** call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT or visit [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central)



More information, including a video showing how roundabouts work and a diagram of the Route W and Business 54 roundabout, can be found at [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central).

