

Connecticut Department of Transportation

National Roundabouts Week (NRW) 2024 | September 16 to 20



Hello from the CTDOT Roundabouts Committee!

Our Committee was established to assist with the planning, design, and construction of roundabouts in Connecticut and is made up of experienced engineers from Highways, Traffic, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction. The goal of the Committee is to encourage appropriate use of roundabouts, good design practices, and consistency. The Committee reviews roundabout concepts at project initiation, as well as at the 30%, 60%, and 90% design phases. We are also available to help with questions regarding design aspects, such as: suitability, size, lane arrangements, geometry, materials, signing, pavement markings, fastest path, and project phasing.

Please contact us at DOT.Roundabouts@ct.gov for assistance.

Participate in NRW by posting to social media using #RoundaboutsWeek

For more information, visit National Roundabouts Week

Roundabouts Trivia

Did you know roundabouts are safer intersections for all users?

Speeds are lower in a roundabout, typically 20–25 mph for a single-lane design, increasing overall intersection safety. Pedestrians only need to cross one direction of vehicle travel at a time and can find refuge in the splitter island or median. Bicyclists can ride in the lane with traffic, due to low speeds, or dismount and cross as a pedestrian. The number of vehicular conflict points is reduced from a total of 32 at a typical four-way intersection down to just 8 within a single-lane roundabout. Roundabout intersections eliminate left-turns, removing the potential for head-on and angle-type crashes, which are the most severe. With lower speeds and right-turns only, crashes that do occur typically result in less serious and fewer injuries. Connecticut has analyzed five completed roundabouts so far and found a 44% reduction in total crashes and an 81% reduction in severe crashes, in line with national statistics.







Did you know roundabouts can reduce travel time?

Although travel speeds within a roundabout intersection are typically lower, a properly designed roundabout can promote a more efficient and continuous flow of traffic, especially in the offpeak periods. Roundabouts operate under a yield condition, minimizing traffic queues and delay, as there is no need to wait at a stop sign or traffic signal.



Did you know roundabouts can promote business?

Slower speeds allow roadway users to more easily notice nearby businesses, and the increase in safety for non-motorized users makes walking or biking around the area more attractive and enjoyable. Roundabouts generally enhance community aesthetics and promote safer and easier access, which is more desirable for customers and businesses alike.



Did you know roundabouts are better for the environment?

Because motorists no longer need to wait at a stop sign or traffic signal, fuel consumption is reduced. Less idling and less acceleration from a stopped position reduces the amount of harmful motor vehicle emissions released into the environment.





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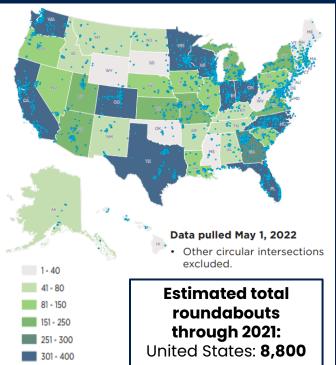
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Roundabout Stats

Converting a signalized intersection to roundabout results in less crashes!

78%

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* Source AASHTO Highway Safety Manual

SEVERE CRASHES

OVERALL CRASHES



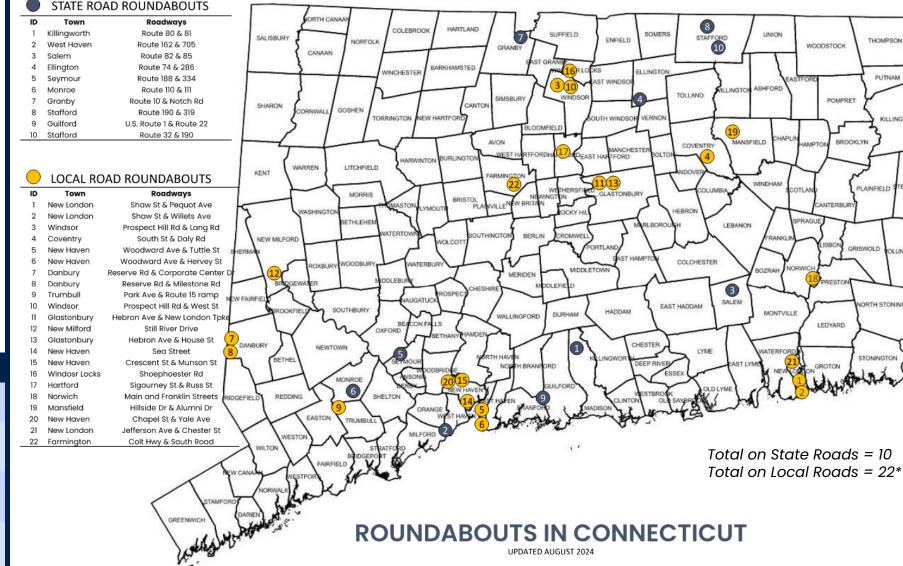
CTDOT converted 5 intersections to roundabouts.

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SEVERE CRASHES



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^{*}Based on information available. Please contact DOT.Roundabouts@ct.gov to provide additional information for map updates.



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STATE PROJECT NO. 120-86

Roundabout at Salem Four Corners Route 85 at Route 82

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to improve safety at the intersection of Route 82 and Route 85 in Salem.

DESCRIPTION

The project involves the removal of the existing traffic signal and reconfiguration of the intersection to create a modified single lane roundabout. Construction began in the Spring of 2012 and was completed in Fall of 2012.







SPOTLIGHT ON SALEM ROUNDABOUT

(Intersection of Route 85 and Route 82)







Pre-Construction (before 2012)













