

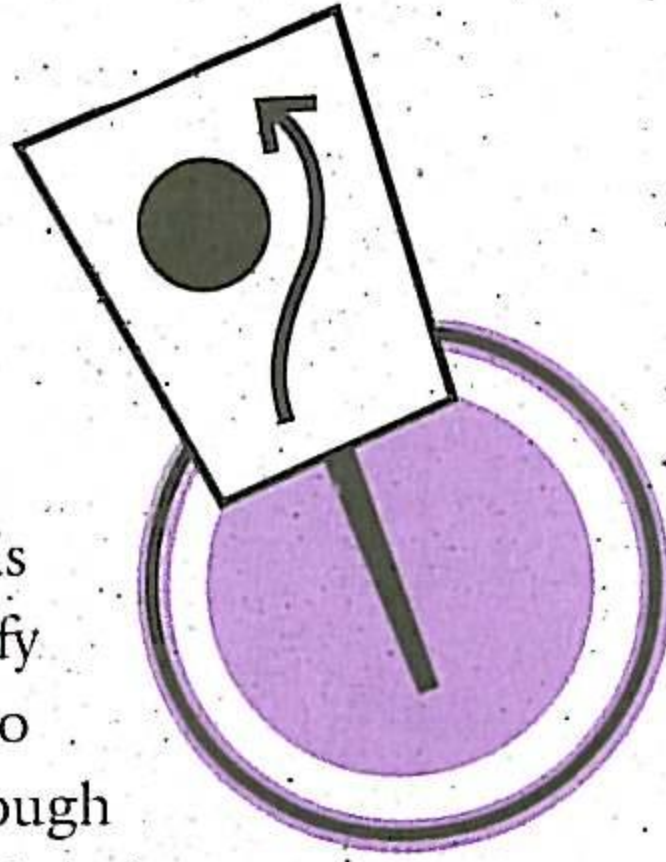
Why Traffic Circles Are In Use

Vehicle speeds and high traffic levels on residential streets consistently rank as two of the greatest concerns expressed by Glendale residents.

As a result, Glendale's Transportation Department is working more closely than ever with neighborhoods to study and identify possible solutions to these concerns through the city's Neighborhood

Traffic Mitigation Program. This program is successfully testing and implementing ways to address traffic speeds and levels through the use of traffic control devices such as traffic circles. These traffic circles are similar to the "roundabouts" currently used in Europe and various other countries throughout the world.

As used throughout the United States, traffic circles slow down traffic at the intersections of two streets. The use of traffic circles also helps reduce the number of accidents at intersections on residential streets.



Traffic Circles In Glendale Neighborhoods

The traffic circles are initially tested on a temporary basis by using orange construction barrels to outline the shape of the circle. This allows the neighborhood to observe and evaluate the effectiveness of the traffic circles before their permanent construction.

If it is determined that a permanent traffic circle will be installed, the circle will be built with new curb, gutter and landscaping in the middle of the intersection of two residential streets. A traffic circle forces drivers to slow down and drive around the outside of one of these islands.



Traffic circle at 57th Avenue & Larkspur Drive

By reducing vehicle speeds at residential intersections with traffic circles, the amount of accidents at these intersections have also been reduced. Speeds are not only reduced by a physical barrier, but also by the landscaping. The landscaping

includes a large canopy tree that breaks up the visual continuity of the street, as shown in the picture.

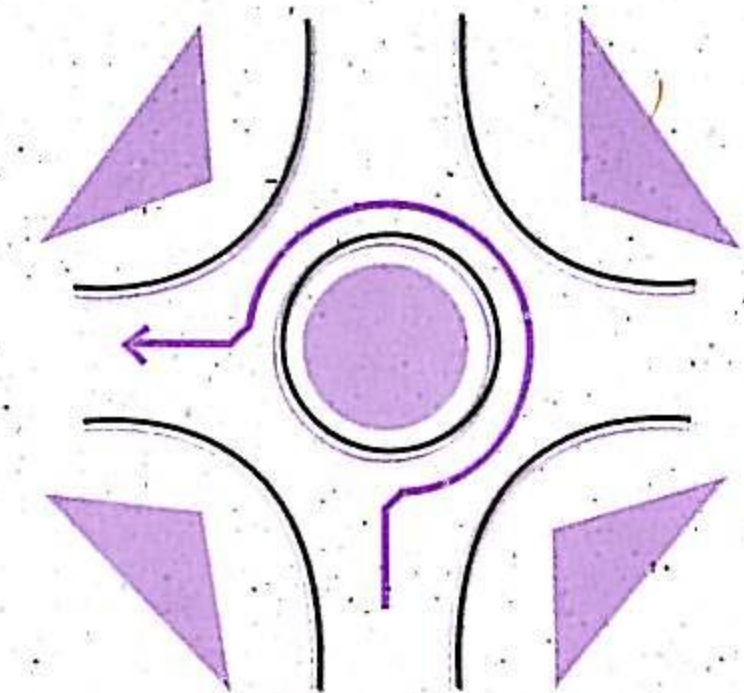
How To Drive A Traffic Circle

As you approach a traffic circle there will be a Keep Right sign.

- Slow down, watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, and continue driving around the right side of the traffic circle.
- Travel around the circle until you reach the street you want to turn on, then make a right turn onto that street.

A typical left turn is completed by traveling around the right side of the traffic circle until you reach the street you want to turn on. Simply make a right turn to exit onto the street.

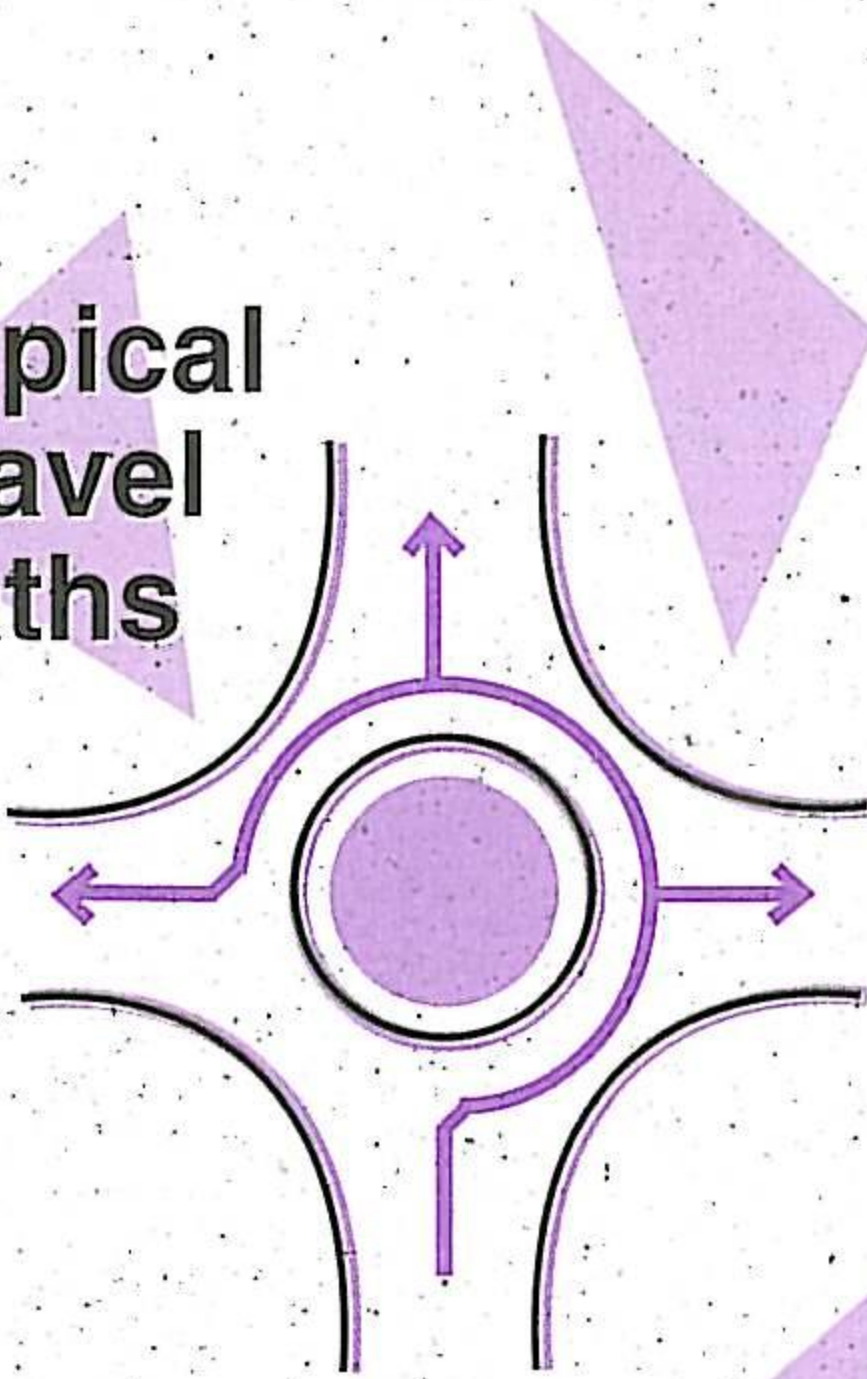
- Large buses or delivery vehicles that cannot make the typical turn may turn left in front of the traffic circle when it is safe to do so.



Traffic T.I.P.s

Traffic Information Program

Typical Travel Paths



Let Us Help!

If you have a concern about traffic
in your neighborhood, please call
the Glendale Transportation Dept.

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