



May 5, 2017

Dear Resident,

Over the years the City of Redwood City has received many requests from Hudson Street residents concerned about traffic, including two specific requests:

- Reduce speeding on Hudson Street
- Increase safety for people walking and riding bicycles

To address these concerns, the Hudson Street Pedestrian and Bike Improvement Project includes the construction of a traffic circle at Hudson Street and Madison Avenue. Construction begins the week of May 8th and should take roughly two weeks to complete.

The primary benefit of this traffic circle is to reduce the speed of motorists entering the neighborhood from Jefferson Avenue. Traffic circles also increase safety by reducing the number of conflict points. Rather than having vehicles crossing the intersection and making turns, they will all go around the circle in the same direction. While some residents requested an all-way stop for the intersection, a traffic circle is preferred because it accommodates more traffic than an all-way stop. A traffic circle also reduces the number of times people must come to a full stop and the noise associated with braking and accelerating after a stop.

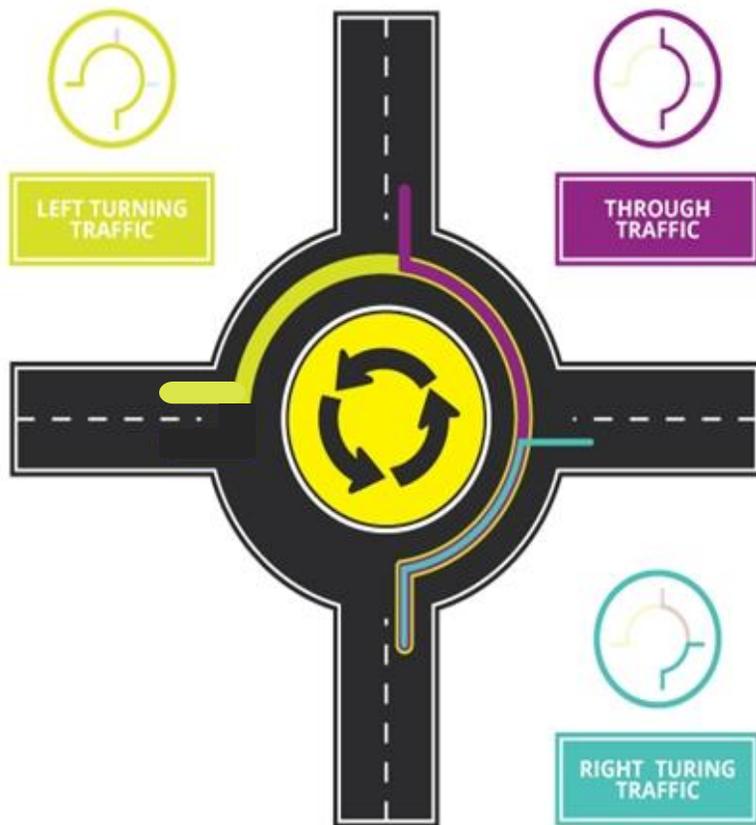
When using a traffic circle please, remember to (see the diagram on the next page):

1. Yield to motorists and bicyclists who are in the traffic circle or pedestrians who are crossing at the intersection. In some cases you may need to come to a full stop before entering the circle. When you see a gap in the traffic you may safely enter the circle.
2. Never accelerate into a traffic circle, it is designed for slow vehicle speeds (under 25 MPH).
3. Always yield to traffic coming from your left. Traffic flows in a counterclockwise direction, traffic to your left has the right of way.
4. Once in the circle, use your turn signal. Your left indicator tells drivers that you are going keep going around the circle (effectively making a left turn), no indicator signals that you are going across the circle, and a right indicator signals that you will take the first right.
5. Although you signal your intentions, other drivers may not. When entering a circle, always assume a driver will continue, particularly if they are not signaling.

Redwood City will monitor conditions on Hudson Street after completion of the project to gauge the impact of the new traffic circle. For questions, comments, or more information you may contact me via email or phone or check the project's website (<https://goo.gl/pgOnqD>).

Sincerely,

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SINGLE LANE

ROUNABOUT



Watch for the **yellow "roundabout ahead"** sign, then reduce your speed on approach.



Lookout for **pedestrians & bike riders.**



Look to your left & **yield to traffic** already in the roundabout. When you see a gap in the traffic, you can safely enter the circle.



Drive around the roundabout until you get to your exit. **Use your turn signal,** watch for other cars & exit safely.