Welcome to Another Safe Intersection

Bicyclists have a legal right to ride in the street with traffic when traveling through single-lane and multilane roundabouts just like other intersections. However, in general, bicyclists riding through intersections with multiple lanes of traffic increase their exposure to vehicles compared to single-lane environments. The same is true when considering single-lane and multilane roundabouts. Riding through a single-lane roundabout presents less exposure to vehicles compared to riding through a multilane roundabout.

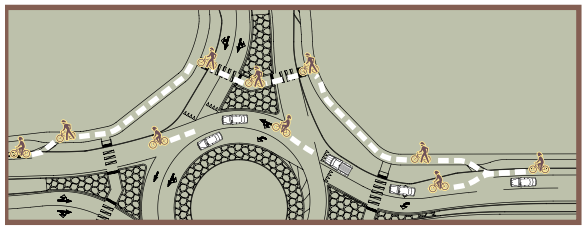
Remember…whenever taking to the roadway take the time to…Be Seen, Be Aware, and Be Smart.

Quick Tips for Bicyclists

Decide if you want to act as a car or a pedestrian.

If Acting as a pedestrian . . .

- Use the bike ramp to access the sidewalk.
- Walk your bike.
- Use the crosswalks.
- Cross in two stages, using the splitter island.



If Acting as a Car . . .

- Take your lane—ride in the center of the travel lane.
- Ride defensively, motorists may not see you.
- More specific guidance is provided on the inside of this pamphlet.

Applying the ideas and suggestions provided here will help all of us make safe choices when we take to the road as a pedestrian, bicyclist, motorist, or truck driver.

Benefits of a Roundabout

- Slower vehicle speeds
  - More time to react and make decisions; advantageous for older and novice drivers
  - Reduces the severity of crashes, if they occur, 76% fewer injury crashes
  - Safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Yield control creates efficient traffic flow and often lower average delay at the intersection
- Reduces pollution and fuel use due to fewer stops and hard accelerations
- Aesthetically appealing; an opportunity to preserve natural features

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Roundabouts and Bicyclists—Making Safe Choices

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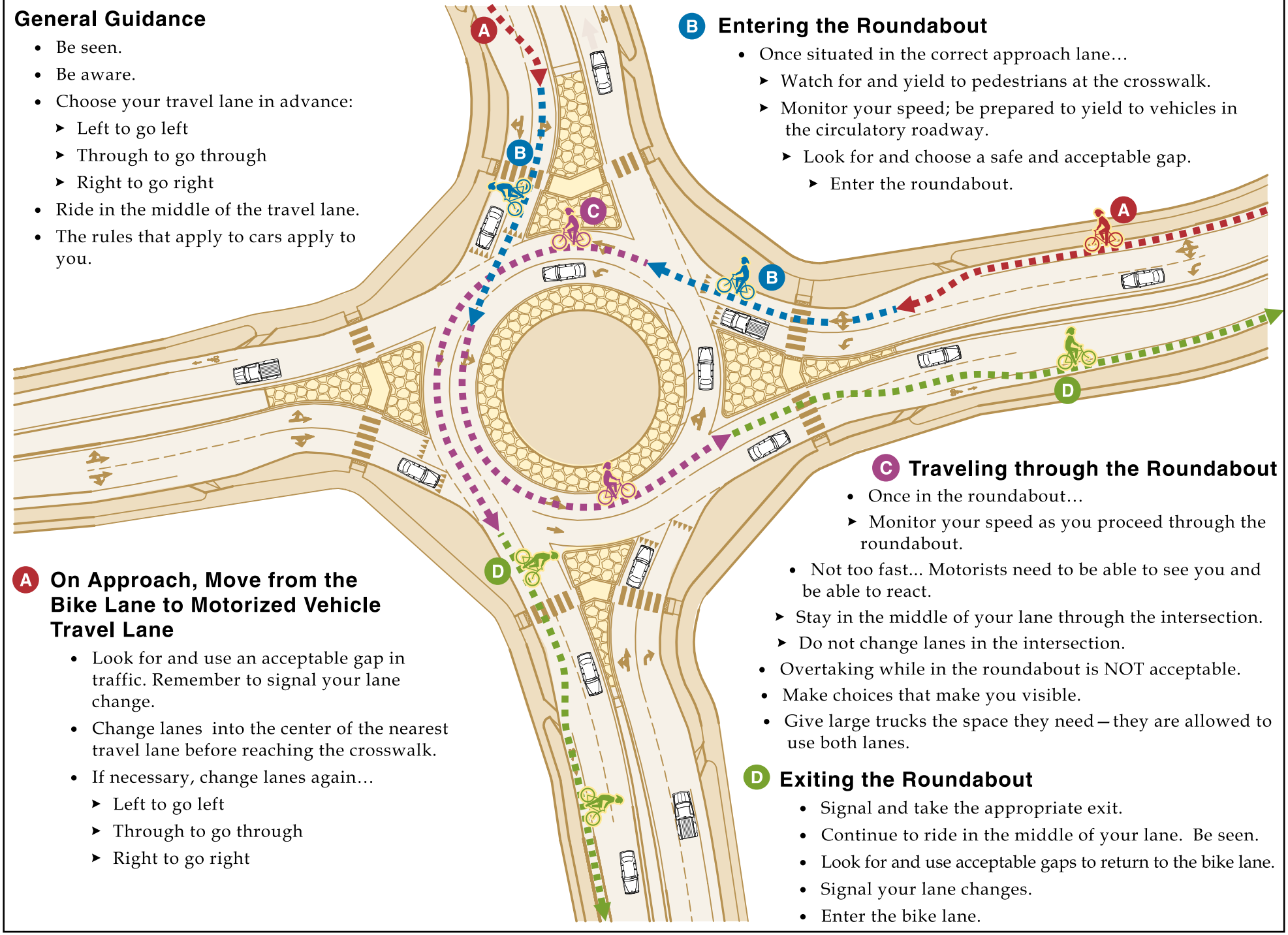
How to Use a MultiLane Roundabout as a Bicyclist Traveling with Motorized Vehicles

General Guidance

- Be seen.
- Be aware.
- Choose your travel lane in advance:
  - Left to go left
  - Through to go through
  - Right to go right
- Ride in the middle of the travel lane.
- The rules that apply to cars apply to you.



A On Approach, Move from the Bike Lane to Motorized Vehicle Travel Lane

- Look for and use an acceptable gap in traffic. Remember to signal your lane change.
- Change lanes into the center of the nearest travel lane before reaching the crosswalk.
- If necessary, change lanes again…
  - Left to go left
  - Through to go through
  - Right to go right

B Entering the Roundabout

- Once situated in the correct approach lane…
  - Watch for and yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk.
  - Monitor your speed; be prepared to yield to vehicles in the circulatory roadway.
    - Look for and choose a safe and acceptable gap.
      - Enter the roundabout.

C Traveling through the Roundabout

- Once in the roundabout…
  - Monitor your speed as you proceed through the roundabout.
- Not too fast... Motorists need to be able to see you and be able to react.
  - Stay in the middle of your lane through the intersection.
  - Do not change lanes in the intersection.
- Overtaking while in the roundabout is NOT acceptable.
- Make choices that make you visible.
- Give large trucks the space they need—they are allowed to use both lanes.

D Exiting the Roundabout

- Signal and take the appropriate exit.
- Continue to ride in the middle of your lane. Be seen.
- Look for and use acceptable gaps to return to the bike lane.
- Signal your lane changes.
- Enter the bike lane.