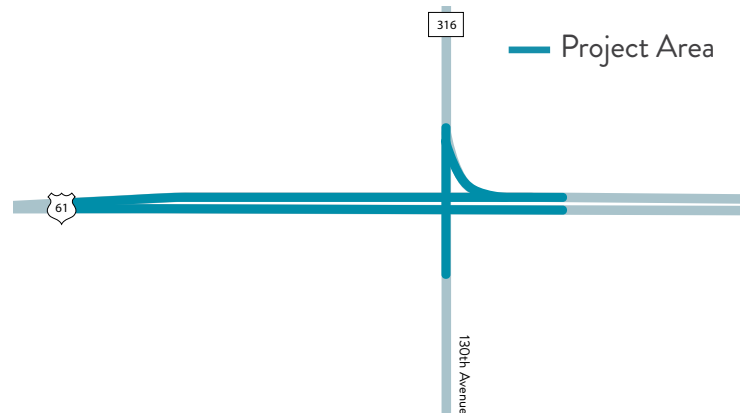


Hwy 61/Hwy 316

ROUNDBABOUT

ABOUT THE PROJECT

MnDOT has evaluated Hwy 61 to identify improvements to help with safety and traffic flow through the corridor. Through that review, a roundabout was determined to be a needed safety improvement at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection in Goodhue County. Hwy 316 is a busy route between Hastings and Red Wing that experiences a high number of westbound right turns from Hwy 61 to Hwy 316 and southbound left turns from Hwy 316 to Hwy 61 during the weekdays. The evaluation showed the plan to build a roundabout can:



Improve intersection safety for all users



Improve ways to safely get to and from the highway



Shorten wait times and keep traffic moving



Bicycle facilities and connections



Accommodate future development in the area with improved intersection

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, MnDOT has been evaluating safety and travel conditions in this area to determine needed safety improvements. Our findings show:



- A history of serious right-angle crashes. Right-angle crashes, sometimes called “T-bone” crashes, are often more deadly or serious than other crashes.
- Difficulty getting on/off Hwy 61 during certain times of the day.
- A wide variety of roadway users, with many types of vehicles.
- Traffic volumes will continue to increase at the intersection with the adjacent current and future development.



After studying these findings, MnDOT plans to construct a roundabout at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 to address future traffic growth and improve safety by reducing speed at this busy intersection.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

MnDOT will continue to gather feedback from the public and stakeholders to refine the recommended improvements.

2020-2021

2022



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Hwy 61/Hwy 316

ROUNDBABOUT

HOW TO NAVIGATE A ROUNDBABOUT



DRIVERS

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout.
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout and merge into traffic when it is safe.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass other vehicles in the roundabout.



LARGE TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout.
- Large trucks will be able to make all turns within the roundabout.
- The intersection is being designed to accommodate large agricultural equipment.



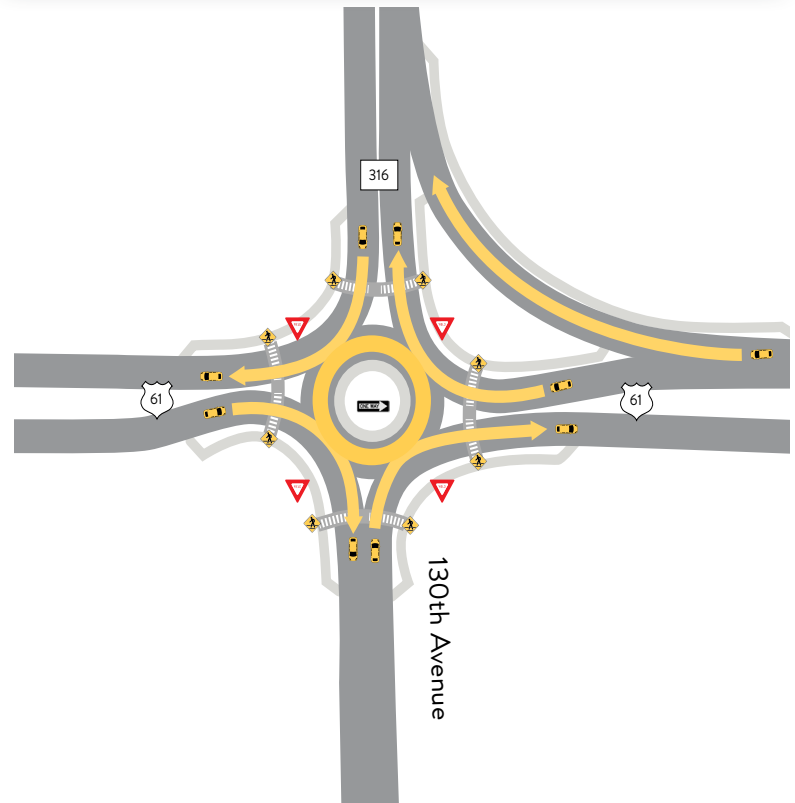
BICYCLISTS

- MnDOT is making additional improvements to help improve safety and connections for bicyclists.
- Bicyclists following the Mississippi River Trail can bypass the roundabout by using trails around the intersection or flow with traffic to continue on the route.



BENEFITS OF A ROUNDBABOUT

- Significantly reduces the risk of serious and fatal crashes
- Allows motorists to get through the intersection more safely and in less time
- Slows more traffic with less delay than most stop signs or traffic signals
- Slow traffic to make entering and exiting the area easier for all users



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