



# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CIRCLE TIPS



## What are neighborhood traffic circles?

Traffic circles are typically built at the intersections of local streets to slow traffic speeds and reduce collisions.

## How to use your neighborhood traffic circle

The right-of-way assignment at neighborhood traffic circles is the same as if there were no traffic circle at all.



If there is a stop sign present, please stop.



If there is a yield sign present, please yield.

**NO STOP or YIELD SIGN?**

Slow and drive counter-clockwise around the circle yielding to oncoming vehicles.



Speeds have been reduced by 14% in San Luis Obispo in areas where neighborhood traffic circles are installed



See where neighborhood traffic circles are currently planned at [www.slocity.org/sloinmotion](http://www.slocity.org/sloinmotion)

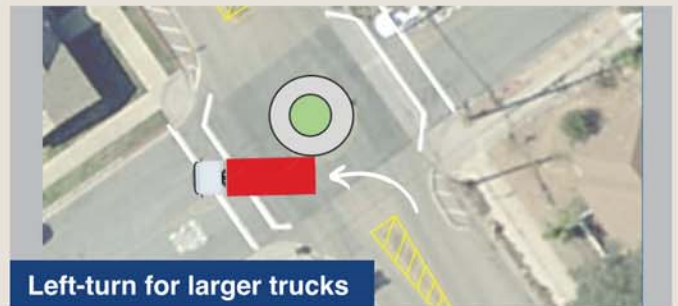




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## How does a large truck navigate a traffic circle?

Vehicles larger than firetrucks may need to turn left in front of the circle when it is clear and it is their right-of-way rather than driving around the circle counterclockwise.



## What is the difference between traffic circles and roundabouts?

### Traffic circles

- Built at the intersections of local streets
- Intersection approaches may be uncontrolled or stop-controlled
- Often do not have raised channels to guide approaching vehicles

### Roundabouts

- Designed for higher-traffic intersections
- All entering traffic is yield-controlled
- They have raised channels to guide approaching vehicles



### Interested in adopting a traffic circle planter?

Contact the Transportation Division for more information at [traffic@slocity.org](mailto:traffic@slocity.org)

