

ROUNDBABOUTS

DON'T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN

HOW DO I DRIVE THROUGH A MULTI-LANE ROUNDABOUT?



Slow Down

Prepare to yield or stop.



Choose Lane

Choose either lane to travel through on US 71. Make a left or right turn from the same lane as usual.



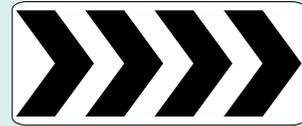
Look

Check crosswalks for pedestrians.



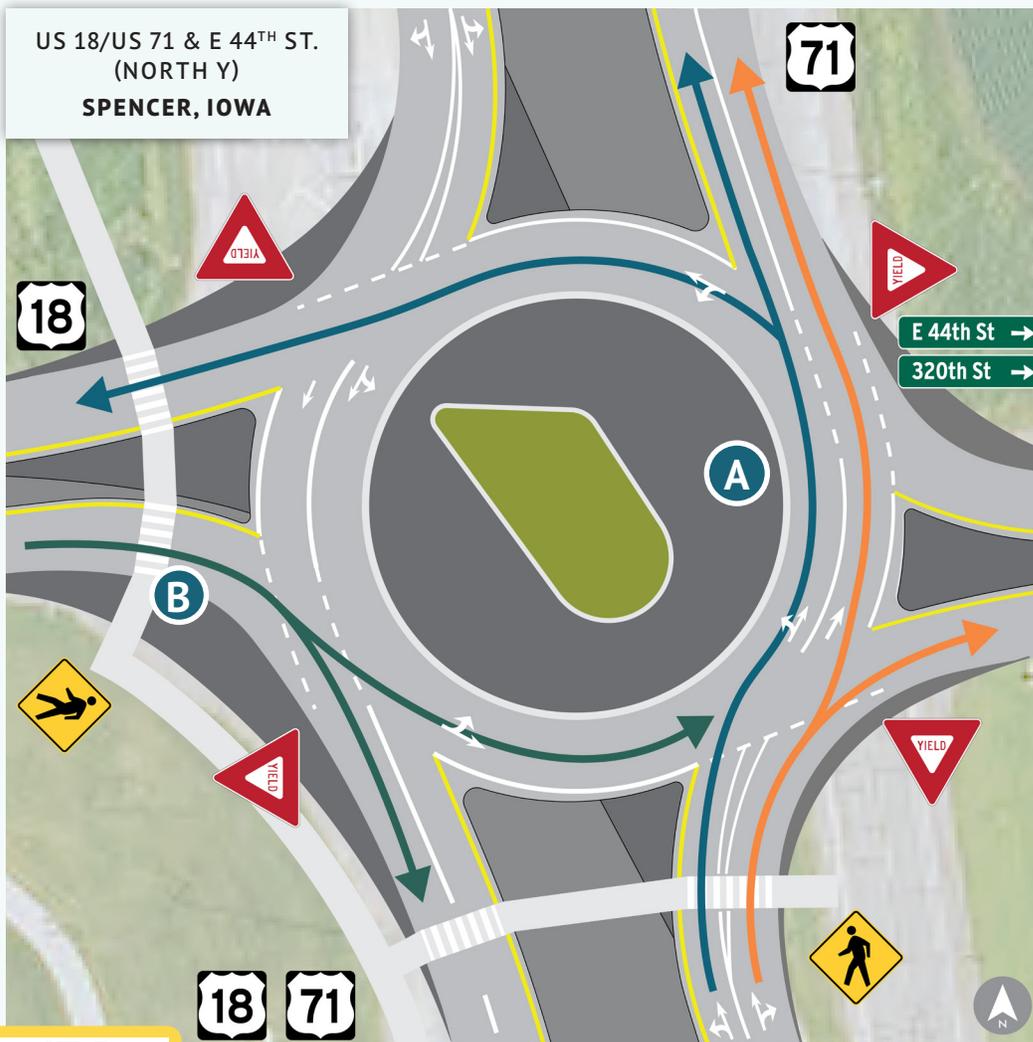
Yield

Look to your left and yield to vehicles inside the roundabout.



Stay Right

Travel to your right to your exit.



Large Vehicles **A**

Large vehicles can use the truck apron – the raised, center island and outside curbs – for extra room for their rear wheels when turning.

Pedestrians **B**

Pedestrians should cross one direction of traffic at a time.

1. At the crosswalk, look left for traffic before entering the roundabout.
2. At the raised splitter island, stop and look right, then finish crossing.

Drivers should check for pedestrians when entering and exiting the roundabout where crosswalks are present.

Emergency Vehicles

Always yield to emergency vehicles in the roundabout.

If you have already entered the roundabout, continue to your exit, then pull over and allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Do not stop in the roundabout.



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IOWA HAS MORE THAN 150 ROUNDABOUTS. WHY?

SAFETY

Roundabouts reduce severe crashes.

- Broadside and left turning crashes are significantly reduced compared to an intersection with a stop sign or traffic signal.
- Speed and severity of potential crashes is reduced.
- The risk of fatal and injury crashes is reduced by 70-80%.

EFFICIENCY

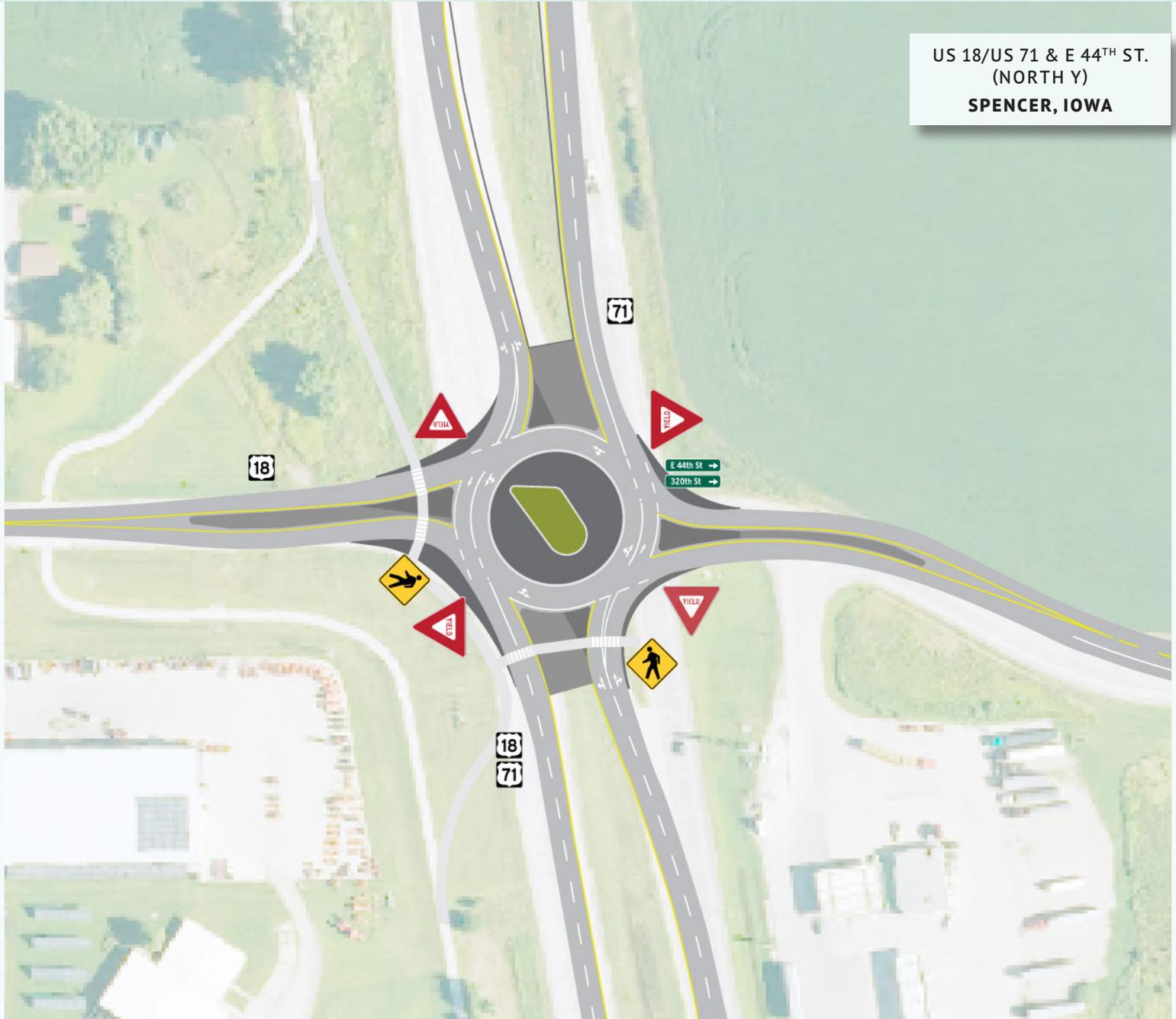
Roundabouts reduce delays.

- E 44th St (320th St) wait times are reduced compared to a stop sign since roundabouts create easier gaps in traffic.
- Traffic moves more efficiently during peak traffic times compared to a traffic signal.
- Drivers don't need to wait for traffic signals during less busy times.

VERSATILITY

Roundabouts benefit everyone.

- Raised islands are designed for farm vehicles, semi- and fire trucks, and oversized loads (e.g. wind blades).
- Pedestrians only need to cross one direction of traffic at a time.
- Roundabouts are commonly built near schools and recommended by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).



US 18/US 71 & E 44TH ST.
(NORTH Y)
SPENCER, IOWA

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design
2025-2026

Letting
Fall 2026

Construction Begins
Spring 2027

Construction Ends
Fall 2027