



# US 41-Fruitville Road Roundabout Construction Project

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The primary goal of the US 41-Fruitville Road roundabout project is to improve connectivity, access, and safety for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic flow and operations between downtown Sarasota and the Bayfront area.

The project limits extend from First Street to Boulevard of the Arts on US 41 and on Fruitville Road from US 41 to Cocconut Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in October 2019 and the estimated completion is fall 2020. The contractor is Wright Construction Group, Inc. and the construction cost is \$7.47 million.

### Improvements on this project include:

- Replacement of the signalized intersection at Fruitville Road with a new roundabout
- Construction of a 12-foot multi-use recreational trail on the west side of US 41 and a variable-width sidewalk on the east side of US 41
- Construction of raised islands for pedestrian refuge, installation of the HAWK pedestrian system, LED streetlights and enhanced landscaping
- Replacement of the City of Sarasota's utility and underground drainage structures
- Replacement of privately-owned utilities and infrastructure

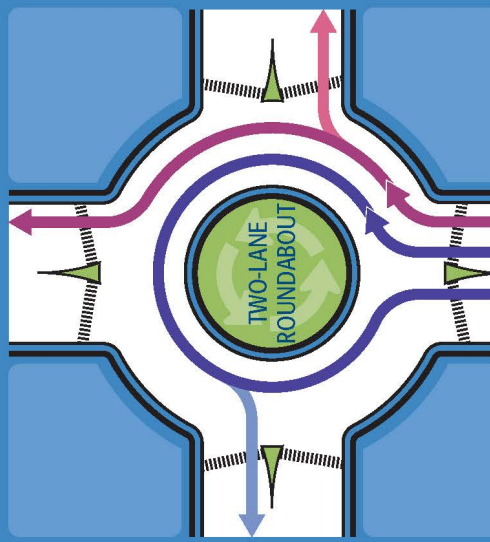
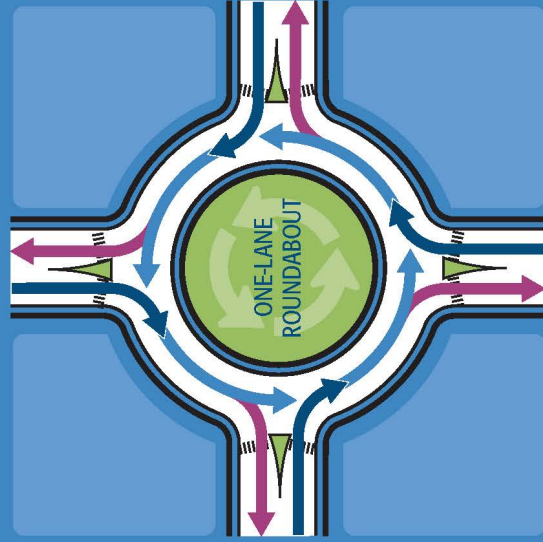
## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Work will take place simultaneously throughout the project limits
- Access to businesses will be maintained
- Construction activities will take place during daytime and nighttime hours
- Temporary lane closures will be in place between First Street and Boulevard of the Arts at various times
- Fruitville Road will be closed to westbound traffic during Phases II and III of construction and detours will be in place fall 2019 to fall 2020

# ROUNDABOUTS

## What?

A roundabout is a one-way, circular intersection that uses signs to guide motorists around them. They do not have traffic signals. Roundabouts have safe crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists.



### Roundabout Rules of the Road

Slow down



Choose lane according to exit



Yield to traffic in roundabout



Do not pass in roundabout



Be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists



Allow emergency vehicles to pass

# ROUNDABOUTS vs. FACT

## @ FICTION

Roundabouts are unsafe

## @ FACT

Roundabouts are safe. They have fewer and less severe crashes, 90% fewer deaths and 75% fewer injuries. In roundabouts, drivers cannot run red lights or stop signs. Roundabouts can be used in various intersection types.

## @ FICTION

Roundabouts are dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists

## @ FACT

Roundabouts have up to 40% fewer incidents with pedestrians and cyclists.

## @ FICTION

Roundabouts cause traffic delays

## @ FACT

Roundabouts offer non-stop travel with no waiting at stop signs or traffic signals. Roundabouts accommodate up to 50% more traffic than typical intersections.

## @ FICTION

Roundabouts are expensive

## @ FACT

Roundabouts eliminate the cost of traffic signals and signal maintenance. During power outages, traffic still flows freely.

## @ FICTION

Roundabouts are bad for business

## @ FACT

Businesses near roundabouts have seen an increase in sales with more customers who can easily and safely drive, walk, or bike there. They can also mark a business district or main street.

