

New Waverly Roundabouts Fact Sheet

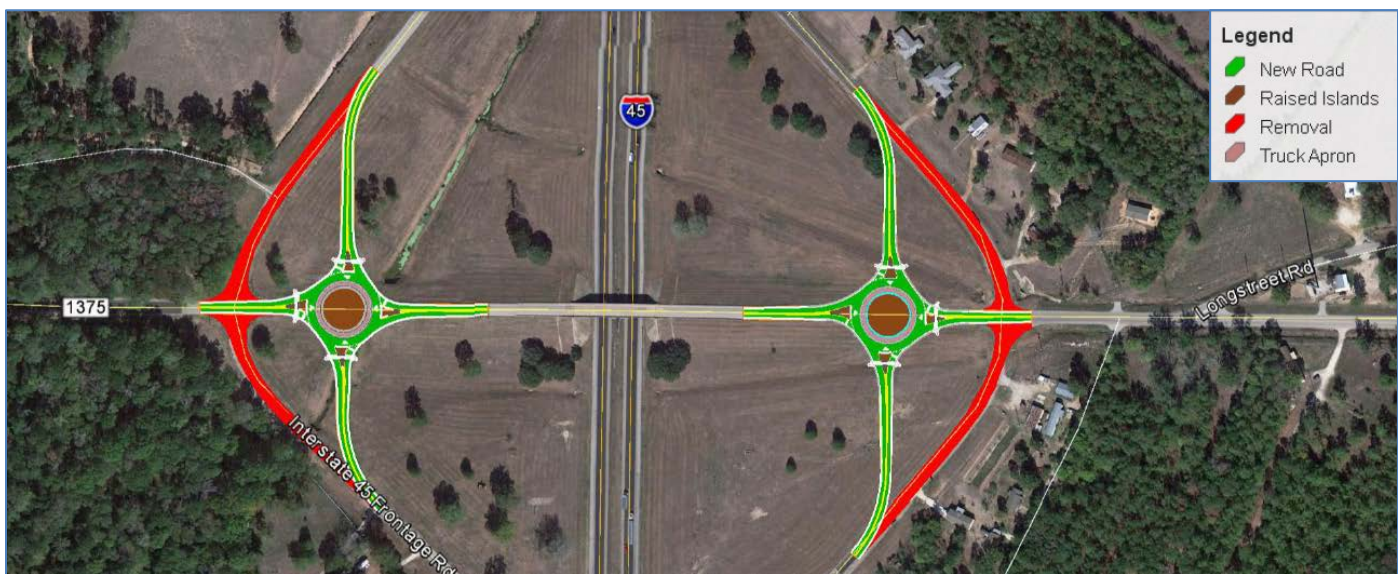


New Waverly Roundabouts Coming Soon

Construction will begin in August 2014 for two new roundabouts (circular intersections) along Farm-to-Market Road 1375 at the Interstate 45 frontage road intersections in New Waverly. A modern roundabout is a one-way, circular intersection where traffic flows counter clockwise around a center island. Modern roundabouts use yield signs rather than traffic lights to control vehicles entering the intersection.

How to Drive through the Roundabouts

To drive in a modern roundabout you slow down as you approach, yield to traffic already in the circle, make a right turn to enter the circle that loops to the left, and then make a right turn to exit the roundabout. Road signs, markings, and its design help guide drivers through a modern roundabout. Truck aprons will also be constructed for large trucks, buses and emergency vehicles to allow more room for turning, and no other vehicles should drive on the truck apron.



Advantages of Roundabouts

A modern roundabout saves driver and pedestrian lives and greatly reduces the number and severity of crashes. Intersections that have been converted from traffic signals or stop signs to roundabouts have been shown to reduce total crashes by 35 percent, with nearly an 80 percent reduction of injury crashes by the Federal Highway Administration. The community also benefits from a safer intersection that lasts more than twice as long as traffic lights that have to be installed, maintained, adjusted, and repaired. There is also less pollution and an increase in fuel saving because vehicles are not idling at traffic lights.

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