

Top 10 reasons to like roundabouts:

1. 37% total reduction in crashes compared to signalized intersections.*
2. 75% reduction in injury crashes compared to signalized intersections.*
3. 90% reduction in traffic fatalities compared to signalized intersections.**
4. Improved pedestrian safety compared to signalized intersections.**
5. 30-50% increase in intersection traffic capacity with fewer delays.**
6. Reduction of air pollution and fuel use due to fewer idling vehicles.**
7. More visually appealing, with center-island landscaping.
8. Long-term cost savings due to elimination of traffic-signal equipment.**
9. Surveys show the majority of residents like roundabouts after having tried them.***
10. Elimination of traditional left turns and the associated dangers.

* **Source:** Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's "Status Report Vol. 40, No. 9, 2005."

** **Source:** Federal Highway Administration's "Your Community Deserves a Lot Less" brochure.

*** **Source:** A report entitled "Public Opinion and Traffic Flow Impacts of Newly Installed Modern Roundabouts in the United States" in ITE Journal, Sept. 2002.