

*Missourifan*

This is one of the best designed roundabouts in Columbia and future ones should be similar. City completely botched the 2 on west Nifong.

*CoMoPat*

I love this roundabout—a great solution for the intersection.

*valkyriebiker*

Roundabouts are (very nearly) always superior.

Stop signs slow traffic too much and it's especially bad when you have a high-traffic road crossing a low-traffic road. Too many people on the high-traffic road are stopping for no good reason. Roundies have been proved to speed up traffic and reduce T-boning.

Idea for a new roundie: Can we PLEASE have a roundabout on State Farm Pkwy at E. Nifong Blvd?

Trying to make the left from E. Nifong onto State Farm (going south) is very difficult in the afternoon peak traffic!! Too much rat running traffic coming from Grindstone to E. Nifong, making it long and dangerous to make that left.

*Comocomo*

Great design!

This roundabout made this road functional at any time of the day. Prior to the roundabout this road backed up severely during rush hour. I drive this road frequently and have nothing but positive things to say about this roundabout.

*Cardinals*

Well functioning roundabout. The biggest opportunity I see for this and other roundabouts is for people to use turn signals appropriately!

*Eric Stockton*

This has been a tremendous improvement on the 4 way stop & is far better than traffic lights. One is needed at Nifong/State Farm.

*Tom*

I agree 100% one is needed at Nifong/State Farm Parkway

*mookenberg*

This roundabout has been successful. Now how about putting one in down the street at Green Meadows and Bethel?

*acg4g9*

Excellent solution to ease congestion and reduce other traffic in surrounding neighborhoods

*CoMoResident50*

This city is wild - and not in a good way

*LoveComo*

I love the Columbia roundabouts. I would love to see one at Green Meadows and Bethel. Also South Hampton and Sinclair rd.

*Realtreeap*

They need to have more police presence to stop the speeders on Forum. Drivers constantly speed down this road after they exit the roundabout

*Respondent*

This roundabout has greatly helped traffic flow. If space allows--note the Rollins/Fairview issues--more roundabouts are needed.

*JudyBock*

I use this roundabout fairly often. I have had no problems with it that I recall. I think it is well thought out.

*CKKoenig*

Roundabouts are usually a good idea - the exception being too-small roundabouts like the one at Rollins/Fairview.

The roundabout at Forum & Green Meadows has been working very well on the frequent occasions that I've been through it.

*chogerty*

Big fan. lived in Carmel, IN pop. about 100,000 with more than 138 roundabouts. Rarely had to come to a complete stop. Efficient and safe

Build More

*Willsm*

My friend lived in Carmel IN for a while and I visited probably 15 years ago and there were already dozens back then. Way ahead of Como.

*JHM267*

Redesign northbound approach

I live just east of the roundabout, and love it and roundabouts in general (which is saying a lot, given that the first time I ever saw one was on my driver's test, and it caused me to fail!) The only problem with this one is that the design of the northbound entrance, coupled with driver ignorance, causes people to think they always have the right of way there. The westbound approach then has to sit forever

until northbound traffic clears. Northbound on Forum just enters in an endless stream. Sorry, folks, it doesn't work that way.

*carolesimon*

Roundabouts are helpful; I really like the one at Forum and Green Meadows. Perhaps the city could do education for less experienced drivers.

*Como*

Green Meadows/Bethel The "Old" Nifong/State Farm. The city owns land on the east side - donate ?  
Nifong/rock quarry Nifong/bearfield

Yes! More Roundabouts, please

*rkowalski151*

Paint Lines Correctly

*mbbpsa1000*

Drivers traveling on forum do not slow down, they act as though they own the roundabout. I've almost been t-boned several times in the last.

The roundabout needs curves like those at old mill or sinclair road roundabout. Would slow traffic considerably

*pianoplacenotes*

Fairview/Rollins roundabout needs to be enlarged. Forum/Green Meadows roundabout is concerning for those turning onto eastbound Green Meadows

The roundabout at fairview and Rollins is TOO SMALL. It is in need of a do-over. The sidewalk that was retroactively added on Fairview sticks too far out into the street, and inhibits the flow of traffic through the roundabout during pick up times at Fairview school. Traffic can back up at a standstill on Fairview during school pick up times since that sidewalk sticks out so far that motorists cannot advance when cars are in line for pick up.

The roundabout at Forum and Green Meadows is big, beautifully landscaped, and much safer. The only problem with that roundabout is that if one wishes to turn onto eastbound Green Meadows, the turn is extremely close to the incoming traffic entering the roundabout from Forum, and there are near accidents there almost every day. Motorists entering the roundabout from northbound Forum often fail to think that motorists will turn off onto eastbound Green Meadows. I think it is because of the way that roundabout goes from two lanes to one lane. It is very nerve wracking to make that turn with sometimes not knowing if the vehicle approaching the roundabout is going to stop or not.

*Larry500g*

Not so much a design flaw as inconsiderate drivers.

*Sharpguy28*

I also have experienced nearly being hit while going onto eastbound Green Meadows. It's definitely a design flaw.

*GAC*

That roundabout works fairly well. Perhaps have the media folks show a video of how to use it. Seems simple but some don't know.

Maybe have some videos on the city website the correct usage from those going through and those going around.

*Dave*

It's a positive

It is much better than before the roundabout was built and feels safer as both a driver and cyclist. I think people are getting used to how to navigate it. I'd like to see more roundabouts in Columbia including double lane ones.

*Skot138*

New Roundabout

I like the roundabouts! Green Meadows, and Forum was worth building. Keeps traffic moving. I think state farm Rd. and old nifong needs one too. With people getting to rock bridge, and work in the mornings, to the crossing traffic going home. It's congested alot. A roundabout there would make life a lot easier.

*Lucernercourt*

Lucerne court resident

Because of this roundabout, the residents of Lucerne court can actually get out onto green meadows during AM and PM rush. Only complaint is that cars coming out of the roundabout are always speeding; green meadows is really bad later in the evening and at night

*ewings*

I live on Vintage Dr. and use this roundabout every day. It is confusing and dangerous. Drivers on Forum speed thru it all the time!

In my opinion the roundabout needs to go. I have been nearly hit more times than I can count. Drivers are often confused as to which lane to be in and don't realize the lane into Woodrail ends. A new traffic study and perhaps a traffic light would be appreciated.

*Nevgrad*

Outstanding design! Much improved intersection, would love to see more of them around the area. Desperately need one on WW and El Chaparral

*cgk*

It works well!

I appreciate this roundabout. It works as intended. Because it is large and well-angled even drivers who are unfamiliar with how it works will slow down and do it right in the end. I can't say the same for the tiny one at Fairview and Rollins, which can be stressful due to user error.

*AC*

Forum traffic rarely slows before entering roundabout despite there being vehicles trying to edge in from east and west Green Meadows.

The roundabout is a detriment and dangerous to green meadows travel onto roundabout, being two lanes as distinguished from Forum's four. The folks who like this are the north/ south Forum users. They no longer stop when traffic is heavy.

*Jodie*

I am in favor of roundabouts as a safer, more efficient alternative to signaled intersections or four-way stops. Change requires adjustment.

*jenweaves*

The Forum/Green Meadows roundabout is a major improvement to the neighborhood. It is easy to use and results in a smoother flow of traffic.

*Larry500g*

I agree.

*Frank Montagnino*

I travel this roundabout multiple times a week and find it to be a big improvement over the time consuming intersection it replaced.

*SherriO*

Forum/Green Meadows roundabout is much better than previous 4-way stop. In contrast, the Fairview/Rollins roundabout is horrible.

*John Rice*

The roundabout at Forum and Green Meadows is a significant improvement. Traffic keeps flowing safely. I use it frequently.

*kmaxey44*

I love this roundabout, I live in that area and use it everyday, so much better than before, could use them at more intersections.

*Willsm*

Roundabouts Aid Traffic Flow & are Safer

Extensive well documented research shows with unquestionable clarity that roundabouts are safer and greatly improve traffic flow. We need more of them. Green Meadows/Forum roundabout is massive improvement over the terrible 4 way stop.

*Willsm*

I will say though. There are many drivers in Columbia that don't understand how roundabouts work - NOT a stop, yield to traffic that's in the roundabout to your left when you're entering the circle. AND use turn signals as you exit roundabout. On the very small roundabout at Rollins/Fairview, there's not a lot of space and therefore time to judge what other vehicles are going to do as they're about to enter the circle, so slow down, take it easy and if you're simply making a right turn here - USE turn signal.

*Mary*

Yes, love the roundabouts!

*YetAnotherAccount*

Love it. I use it everyday on my way to work. It's SUCH a huge improvement over the previous 4-way stop sigh. Love It

*pgilzow*

I was skeptical at first but the roundabout at Forum/Green Meadows has been a HUGE improvement to traffic flow vs the 4-way stop it replaced

*Stallmannj*

All roundabouts in town need to be marked further in advance to alert drivers. Alert at beginning of block that ends with roundabout

*Sharon Ford*

Roundabouts are a great addition. However, they need to be large enough so one can anticipate actions of the other drivers.

Fairview/Rollins is too small for this to happen. Most people still stop just to be safe if other cars are near. Forum/Green Meadows is much better. The one near Rangeline and Vandiver is difficult to understand and maneuver. When drivers do not understand the different types of roundabouts, they become accident prone. I avoid this one as much as possible.

*racrowley*

This roundabout I use regularly and is great for traffic flow. It is also well kept with beautiful plants unlike others in our community.

*Sharpguy28*

Forum/Green Meadows roundabout is a flawed design

Agree the Forum/Green Meadows roundabout has been a great addition. However, it is a flawed design by not being the same width in its entirety. Forum drivers just have a slight bend to negotiate thus still allowing to blow through at high speeds and often jumping lanes. Green Meadows has functionally become crossovers. By creating a full circle, the drivers on Forum would move further back and the sightlines would be vastly improved.

*Lucernerresident*

The roundabout at Forum/Green Meadows is a total success. I do find that people coming out of the roundabout onto Green Meadows speed.

5\* for the Roundabout

*Rosann.Geiser*

Love this roundabout and all the others. Keeps traffic flowing without unnecessary stops.

*Kmarie*

a great improvement. I would only suggest a traffic calming "hump" before the Xwalk. Cars travel 40-45mph S bound, blocks W entrance lane.

Traffic calming southbound

*Gerald Mueller*

The roundabout at Green Meadows and Forum is effective. The City should consider implementing one at Green Meadows and Bethel.

*katieblake*

I use this everyday and people do not yield to those in the roundabout. Please add speed bumps to slow people approaching.

*Ann Marie Gortmaker (by email)*

I'm responding to the press release soliciting comments via email rather than BeHeard.

Although roundabouts are safer for vehicular traffic they are far less safe for cyclists and pedestrians. Data quoted indicating low injury rates for non-motorists at roundabouts is flawed in that it does not consider that cyclists and pedestrians self-select out by using a different route. Audible cues for those with vision loss are absent or at best, confusing and unreliable. Multiple lane roundabouts in particular should have signaled crossings.

Roundabouts may limit full access to Title 2 programs and activities (ie, infrastructure such as sidewalks).

In my mind there is no doubt that roundabouts are better environmentally than stop/start intersections. But at a cost to modes of transportation with near-zero environmental impact per walk or bicycle ride.