

ROUNABOUT WORKSHOP

(Up to 5 professional development hours available)

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is hosting a one-day virtual workshop on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The workshop will feature multiple sessions presenting perspectives from roundabout experts and federal, state and local officials on how to make roundabouts a bigger part of our state's transportation system.

Modern, well-designed roundabouts have proven their worth. A wealth of traffic data consistently shows they can:

- Improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians
- Increase traffic flow capacity
- Reduce traffic speed
- Require a smaller footprint
- Provide construction and maintenance cost savings
- Benefit the environment

The State of Illinois is now well-positioned to deploy roundabouts at a much greater pace, taking advantage of the experience and institutional knowledge of our neighboring states. The workshop is specifically tailored to educate local, county, and state agency personnel and those in the private sector on how to successfully promote, fund, design, implement and operate roundabouts.

The workshop will consist of three sessions, of three presentations each:

- **MORNING SESSION (10:30am to noon): General Information.** Presenters will talk about the theoretical and practical benefits of making roundabouts a standard design consideration and will provide some background on their outstanding safety record in a way which can be easily understood and shared with other decisionmakers.
- **MIDDAY SESSION (12:30pm to 2pm): Owners' Perspectives.** Representatives from the FHWA, IDOT and county agencies will talk about every step in the implementation process, from planning and funding through snow-plowing.
- **AFTERNOON SESSION (2:30pm to 4:30pm): Technical Topics.** For those with a deeper interest in the topic, a series of technical workshop presentations will lead attendees past the single-lane roundabout into more practical and effective innovations. Prior to the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to download site situation problems which will be discussed in each technical session.

There are now well over 7,000 roundabouts in the U.S. — a 100% increase over the past ten years. Studies routinely show overwhelming public acceptance following completion, even in communities where significant opposition was initially present. The goal of our sessions will be to help you add your community to that list.

We hope you will participate in this seminar/workshop and we encourage you to get your registration in early. Registration for the workshop is separate from the registration for the

TES Conference. The registration fee for all three workshop sessions is \$40. A limited number of complimentary registrations will be available for members of public agencies.