



**OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

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Director**

Springfield, Illinois - The City of Springfield Office of Public Works announced the roundabout at the intersection at West Iles Avenue and Archer Elevator Road will open at **12-noon on Monday, December 11**. The roundabout is an alternative option to a traffic signal to improve safety and reduce congestion.

The City would like to remind drivers of the rules for driving through a roundabout:

1. Slow down when approaching a roundabout and yield to oncoming traffic. There will be signs and pavement markings to assist drivers.
2. Enter the roundabout once there is a gap for drivers to do so.
3. Once you are in the roundabout, do not stop to let anybody in. They need to wait for you to pass before they can enter.
4. Once in the roundabout, follow the signs and continue to your chosen street exit.

Other vehicles entering a roundabout should yield to traffic already in the roundabout. Once you enter the roundabout, you have the right of way but always stay alert to other drivers.

This roundabout also contains dedicated turn lanes which allow drivers to bypass the roundabout. Traffic heading west on Iles Avenue can use the turn lane to go north on Archer Elevator Road. Iles Avenue traffic heading east can use the turn lane to go south on Archer Elevator Road.

Drivers are reminded to **never** stop in the middle of a roundabout when an emergency response vehicle is approaching (such as a fire truck, ambulance or police car). If an emergency response vehicle is approaching while you are in a roundabout, proceed out of the roundabout or complete your turn before you pull over and come to a stop.

Pedestrians should **never** walk across to the center of the roundabout. Pedestrians should always use the designated crosswalks which have been installed on each street of the intersection. Look in all directions while crossing and drivers should yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Bicycles using the roundabout should be treated like any other vehicle and are allowed to ride through the roundabout with the rest of traffic. Bicycles should ride toward the center of their lane in order to be more visible to other drivers. If a bicyclist chooses to cross a roundabout with pedestrians, they should use the crosswalk under the same safety rules as pedestrians, including walking their bicycles.

If residents have questions, they are asked to review the attached handout. Any questions can be directed to the Office of Public Works at 217.789.2255.

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