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After months of construction and years of consternation on the part of local residents, the roundabout at Chemawa Road Northeast and Verda Lane North is scheduled to open in a week.

Roundabouts are safer than other types of intersections, but drivers need to know how to use them. With that in mind, here is the *Keizertimes* guide.

**The roundabout at Verda Lane & Chemawa Road will open Friday, Sept. 2.**

# Roundabouts FOR NEWBIES

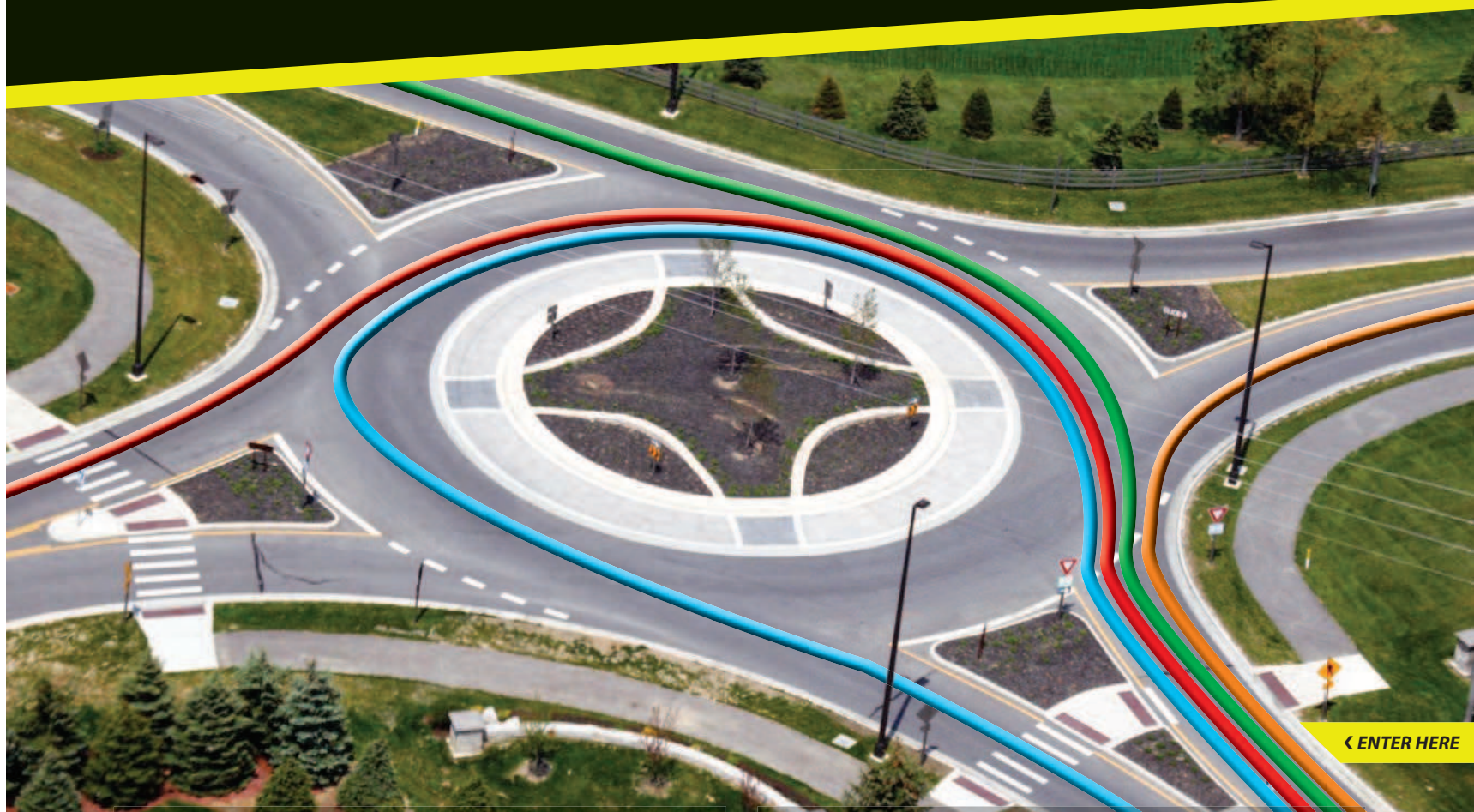


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**1 You have 4 options when encountering a roundabout**

- RIGHT** turn
- LEFT** turn
- THRU** traffic
- U**-turn



**As you approach the roundabout, slow down to 10-15 MPH.**

**Stay in your lane, to the right of the splitter island.**

**2 Be sure to watch for bicyclists and pedestrians**

Look for bicyclists merging into the travel lane, or pedestrians wanting to cross. Be considerate, and let the bicyclists merge. If you see a person in or about to enter the crosswalk, you must let them cross. It's the law.



**3 Yield & proceed slowly**

Move slowly to the yield line, looking left. A YIELD sign will tell you to yield to traffic in the roundabout:

You may have to stop to yield to cars on your left. If the road is clear, simply enter the roundabout, ALWAYS turning right.

You don't have to stop, just enter. Proceed around the roundabout SLOWLY.

Don't pass bicyclists ahead of you within the roundabout, as your speeds should be nearly equal. Continue until you get to your exit.

Do not stop in the roundabout.

Exit carefully, using your right turn signal. Watch for pedestrians in or approaching the crosswalk and stop for them.



## 4 ATTENTION BICYCLISTS

If you're riding a bicycle, ride as if you were driving a car. Roundabouts are designed so motorists will drive at about 15-25 MPH, close to your bicycling speed. Be assertive, so cars see you and respect your right to be on the road.

If you are riding on the shoulder or bike lane, merge into the travel lane before the shoulder ends. Prepare for this move early, look over your shoulder, and signal your intent to move into traffic.

Don't be intimidated; assert your position upon entering the roundabout. If you do not want to ride your bicycle in the roundabout, you may enter the sidewalk using the ramps, and proceed as a pedestrian.

Once in the roundabout, don't hug the curb. Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing and cutting you off. Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout, as they may not see you.



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