

News Release

City of Mansfield, Ohio

Tim Theaker, Mayor



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Subject: ***REVISED*** Middle Bellville Road & Straub Road Intersection Re-opening as a Roundabout

Mansfield, Ohio--

Weather permitting, the roundabout safety improvement at the intersection of Middle Bellville Road and Straub Road will be opened to traffic this Monday afternoon, July 9. Mayor Tim Theaker invites area residents to join him at the roundabout at 3:00 pm Monday for the official opening of the intersection. On-street parking is available nearby on Bailey Drive, off Galewood and Straub.

Work will continue on Middle Bellville Road between Straub Road and Logan Road. The portion of Middle Bellville Road that is still under construction will remain open only for local access to the adjacent neighborhoods. Straub Road will be open to through traffic after this Monday.

Motorists using the roundabout will note that each approach of the intersection is governed by a "yield" sign. Motorists must yield to other vehicles that are already in the circle. Motorists in the circle have the right-of-way.

Roundabouts, like other types of intersections, have crosswalks. Motorists must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk just as they would at other unsignalized intersections.

Roundabouts have been proven to substantially reduce the severity of crashes, when compared to traditional signalized intersections. A roundabout was chosen at this location because of the high rate of crashes (both injury and property-damage). When the city compared actual crash data to crash prediction rates developed by the Federal Highway Administration, it was shown that this intersection experienced over double the number of accidents than what would typically be expected.

To learn more about this project and roundabouts in general, please check out this information on the city's website: <http://ci.mansfield.oh.us/pdf/2012-Middle-Bellville-Project.pdf>

Questions about the project may be directed to the Mansfield City Engineer's Office.

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