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West Franklin Boulevard to Reopen Tuesday **(City of Cleveland – Wards 3 and 15)**

CLEVELAND – West Franklin Boulevard between West 85th Street and West 50th Street is scheduled to reopen to two-way traffic on Tuesday, December 20. If possible, residents should avoid parking on West Franklin Boulevard until the lanes are free of barrels and fully open to allow roadway crews to easily remove their construction equipment. Beginning Tuesday, any vehicles parked on the street should utilize the striped parking lane (between the curb and solid white line). Note that the parking lane changes from the north to the south side of the street between West 74th Street and West 81st Street.

In the Spring, as weather permits, construction crews will return to install final striping, including high visibility crosswalk markings and bicycle sharrows; raised reflective pavement markers around the mini-roundabouts; and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at key crosswalks.

Given the new roadway configuration, this week the City will also install signage lowering the posted speed limit to 25 miles per hour. The new speed limit will apply to all of West Franklin Boulevard, from West 85th Street to West 25th Street.

Tips for navigating the mini-roundabouts in a motor vehicle or on a bicycle:

- Slow down as you approach the intersection.
- Look for and yield to any pedestrians before you enter the mini-roundabout.
- At the mini-roundabout entrance, yield to any vehicles already in the intersection. If you arrive at the intersection at the same time as another road user, the person on the **left** has the right-of-way.
- Slowly proceed around the mini-roundabout to the right of the center island until you reach your desired destination.
- Look for and yield to any pedestrians at the crosswalk before you exit the mini-roundabout.

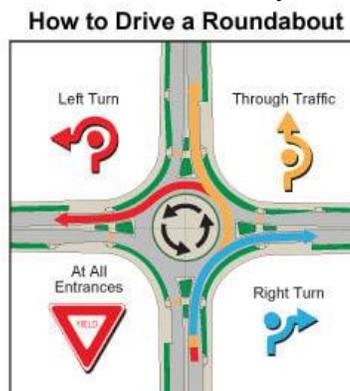


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The center islands are mountable by vehicles such as fire trucks, school buses, or trailers that are too large to make the complete circle. Drivers of large vehicles should slowly navigate over the center island to complete their desired turn when they have the right-of-way. All other road users should yield to the large vehicle until it clears the intersection.

At intersections with mini-roundabouts, pedestrians may use the ADA-accessible curb ramps to cross the street. The raised islands along West Franklin Boulevard provide pedestrian refuge to cross one lane of traffic at a time.

For more information about the project, visit www.WestFranklinCLE.com.

For more information about how to navigate traversable mini-roundabouts, visit [Virginia Department of Transportation's Innovative Intersections: Mini Roundabout](#).

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