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# Development in Implementation of Roundabout

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**Abstract:** A major worry is the increase of traffic on the roads of big cities in emerging nations like India. The fact that Mumbai is the second-most populous city after Delhi and that every resident has a two-wheeler, a four-wheeler, or both vehicles makes it difficult for traffic to move because everyone uses their own vehicle. As a result, there are severe, protracted traffic jams during rush hour. In addition to the quantity of vehicles, traffic signals and traffic control also contribute to congestion. Because everyone in this metropolis is always in a rush, not everyone complies with traffic laws and signals, which raises the risk of accidents and traffic congestion. Even if there are more public transportation options available, they still do not provide a practical way to carry people. Roundabouts can be implemented at these intersections of the Station Road and the Highway Service Roads to solve this traffic issue. Signal controlled intersections cause traffic to build up on both sides of the road, whereas roundabout controlled intersections allow for a smooth flow of vehicles per hour. Due to stops and collisions, traffic signals cause traffic to build up on either side of the signal, causing basic wear and tear. Additionally, fuel is wasted while waiting for the light to turn green. In this paper, we'll talk about installing roundabouts at intersections and how traffic behaved once they were there.

**Keywords:** Roundabouts, Traffic Signals, Conflict Points, Intersection.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Roundabouts run at slower speeds than the networks before and after them because they demand to give way behavior and gap acceptance. Vehicles are typically not permitted to travel faster than 30 km/h near urban roundabouts. Although the operational speed of rural roundabouts may be higher, it is still anticipated that the speed of cars at roundabouts will be lower than that of mid-block sections became an angular collision. Roundabouts are safer than uncontrolled crossroads junctions.

In comparison to its ancestors' traffic circles and junctions, ultramodern roundabouts have three crucial features. The circular originally provides the indirect trip way's buses the right-of-way. Second, compared to 100 meters, the periphery of a cloverleaf is generally between 21 and 50 meters. Third, advanced entry" splitter" islet in roundabouts slows business shortly before entering (1) In comparison to business circles, roundabouts can be defined by three crucial features. Roundabouts allow traffic in the circulating thruway the right of way (offside precedence or yield- at- entry). Roundabouts control the entering vehicles with a yield sign rather than stop signs or traffic signals, furnishing precedence to vehicles formerly inside the installation.

The majority of roundabout approaches curve out at the entry, allowing more cars to enter the circulating route at a sharper angle. Unless a cue has developed at the entry, this increases capacity and permits entering cars to enter at speeds similar to the circulating vehicles. Additionally, this island provides a secure spot for people to cross the approach in two stages.

In order to maneuver through the roundabout, cars must slow down due to the geometry of the facility. The deflection and potential speeds of entering and exiting vehicles depend on the size of the center island and the angle of approach. (2)

Parking is banned in the indirect lane and at the entrances to the approach legs. Also, all incoming buses must circle the circular anticlockwise. Contrary to stop and signal-controlled junctions, vehicles entering a roundabout aren't impelled to stop, which has the effect of taking a business to slow down while it navigates the bow around the center islet. As a result, the installation operates more effectively under a variety of business conditions since motorists simply need to identify a passable opening to enter.

### A. Types of Roundabout

- Mini roundabouts
- Urban compact roundabouts
- Urban single lane Roundabouts
- Urban double lane roundabouts



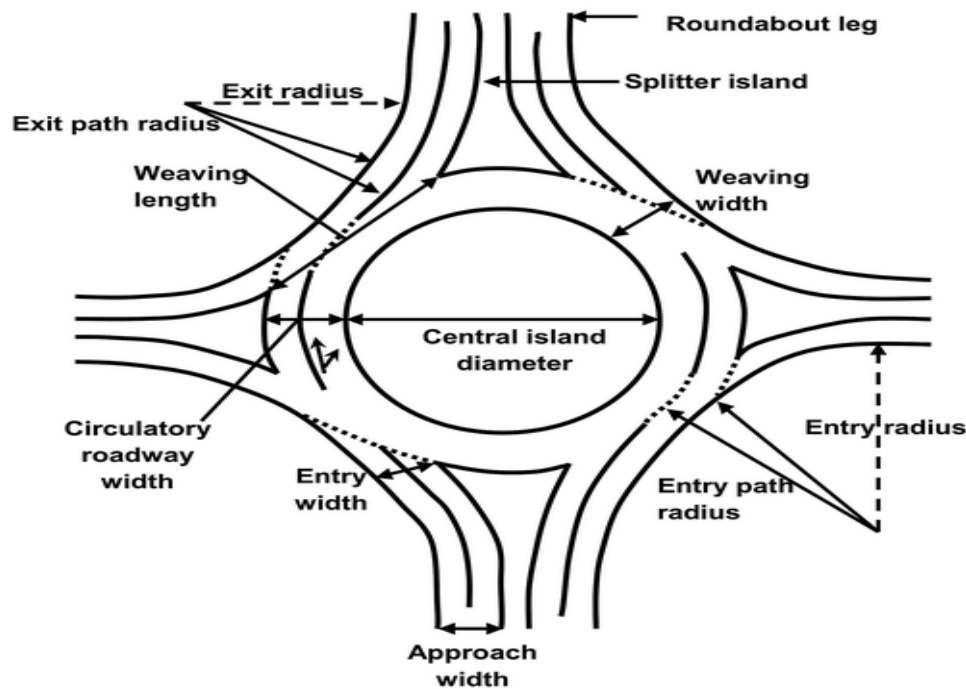


Figure 1: Diagram of Roundabout

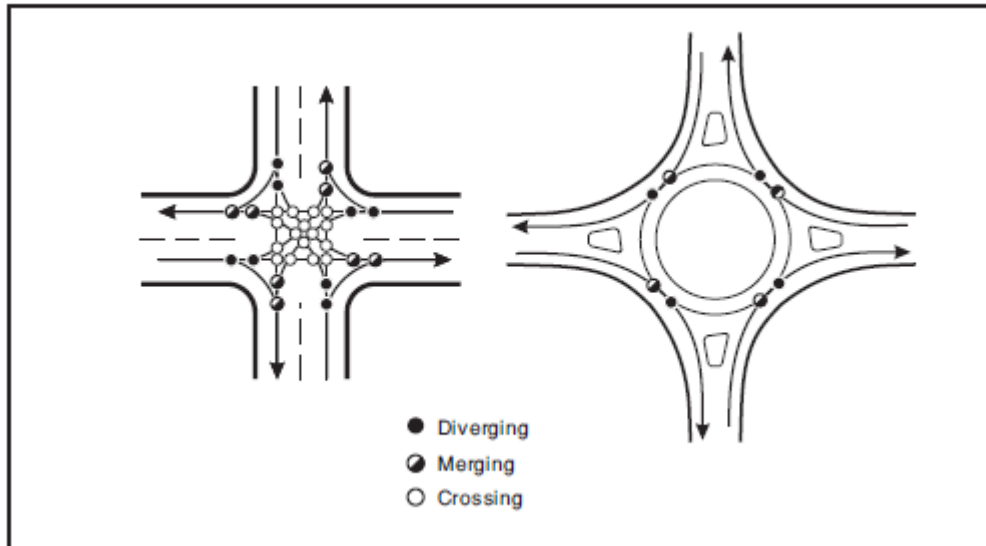
#### B. Why use a Roundabout?

- Safety - In the USA, Australia, and Great Britain, roundabouts have been shown to lower death and injury accidents by over to 76, 75, and 86, percent independently. Slower pets and smaller conflict points are credited to the drop in accidents. According to an Indian check, it significantly lowers the accident rate.
- Pedestrian Safety - According to all available substantiation, climbers are safer at ultramodern roundabouts than at signalized junctions. Cross a one- way traffic stream, the pedestrian must peer in only one direction at each stage. There are places within Splitter Island that are designated as pedestrian refuges.
- Low *Maintenance* - Reduces electricity costs and eliminates the need for traffic signal conservation.
- Reduced Delay - Delay is vastly dropped by surrendering at the entrance rather than halting and staying for a green light.
- Capacity - A roundabout is preferable to a multi-phased traffic light for handling corners with a high volume of right turns.
- Aesthetics - Fuel operation and air pollution both drop when delays are reduced. Also, there's a chance to add landscaping to the central island.

#### C. Vehicle Conflicts:

- Conflicts can be broken down into three main categories, with varying levels of severity:
- Queuing conflicts - On an approach, a car will occasionally crash into the reverse of a line of buses. Conflicts of this nature can develop at the reverse of a through-movement line or in a line of left-turning vehicles staying for openings. Because these crashes involve the most protected factors of the vehicle and the relative speed differential between the buses is lower than in other conflicts, they're frequently the least severe of all conflicts.
- Merge conflicts - Conflicts that arise when two traffic streams merge or diverge are known as merge and diverge conflicts. Sideswipes and rear-end collisions are the two most frequent collision types brought on by merging disputes. Due to the increased likelihood of crashes with the side of the vehicle, which is often less protected than the front and rear of the vehicle, merge conflicts can be more serious than diverging conflicts.
- Conflicts at crossings: These conflicts are brought on by the confluence of two traffic lanes. These disputes are the most serious and most likely to result in casualties or deaths. Right-angle crashes and head-on collisions are common collision types.

A roundabout, as seen in figure 2, makes all movements into right turns, reducing the liability of conflicts between buses crossing at three- and four-leg crossings. Again, by separating conflicts in space and/ or time, separate turn lanes and traffic control (stop signs or signalization) can constantly minimize but not always exclude the number of crossing conflicts at a traditional crossroads. Still, when there's a violation or a regulation is broken, the most serious crashes at signalized junctions are.



**Figure 2: 4-Way Intersection and a Contemporary Roundabout Intersection**

Conflict Points at a Traditional 4-Way Intersection and a Contemporary Roundabout Intersection are Shown in Figure 2. Planning level recommendations for contemporary roundabouts. Figure 2 illustrates how a roundabout reduces vehicle-vehicle conflict sites when compared to a conventional four-approach intersection. Roundabouts lower the number of vehicle-vehicle collisions from 32 to 8, as well as the number of vehicle-pedestrian collisions from 24 to 8.

#### **D. Roundabout Components include:**

##### *a) Design Speed:*

Roundabouts run at slower speeds than the networks before and after them because they demand to give way behavior and gap acceptance. Vehicles are typically not permitted to travel faster than 30 km/h near urban roundabouts. Although the operational speed of rural roundabouts may be higher, it is still anticipated that the speed of cars at roundabouts will be lower than that of mid-block sections.

##### *b) Island Radius and Entry, Exit Radii:*

The radius at the entry is affected by a number of variables, including design speed, super-elevation, and friction coefficient. The entrance to the rotary is not straight; instead, a slight curve is added. The driver will be forced to slow down as a result. The recommended speed range for an urban and a country design, respectively, is around 20 KMPH and 25 KMPH. the radius of the rotary island. In order for the vehicles to escape the rotary at a faster rate, the exit radius needs to be larger than the entry radius and the radius of the rotary island. The exit radius should always be 1.5 to 2 times the entry radius as a general rule. The departure radius, however, could be configured to be the same as the entry radius if pedestrian activity is higher at the exit approach. The design speed and the radius of the entering curve determine the radius of the central island. For all practical purposes, the radius of the central island is approximately 1.3 times that of the entering curve.

##### *c) Central Island's Shape:*

The configuration and shape of the central island (Control Island) depend on a number of variables, including the distribution of intersecting roads and the traffic flow pattern. The following Table discusses the circumstances in which a certain shape is preferred:

#### **E. Advantages of Roundabout Over Signalized:**

- Additionally, roundabouts over signalized intersections might save on electricity.
- There are 40 conflict spots in the signal system, 32 of which are for automobiles and 8 of them for pedestrians. But in a roundabout, there are 12 conflict points, with 8 for automobiles and 4 for people
- Roundabouts are self-governing in situations with moderate traffic and don't require policing or traffic lights to function.

#### **F. Disadvantages of Roundabout:**

- A roundabout needs a considerably bigger area and is impractical in many densely populated areas.
- A roundabout needs to be complemented by traffic police in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic in order to effectively control traffic. When two roads join at an acute angle, it can be challenging to give enough weaving length.

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## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

**IRC: 65-2017** A roundabout can be thought of as an extended crossroads where all approaching cars must yield to one another and find appropriate gaps to travel around an island in one direction before exiting the flow of traffic and moving in the direction that radiates from the island. The rotary style of intersection relies on the weaving behavior of entering and exiting traffic, in contrast to how roundabout functions. The Inscribed Circle must be sufficiently large to guarantee the weaving. Traffic signals cause traffic to assemble on either side of the signal as a result of stops and collisions, resulting in basic wear and tear. Additionally, while waiting for the light to turn green, gasoline is lost. This essay will discuss the installation of roundabouts at intersections and how traffic previously behaved.

(1) **IRC: 65-1976** Indian Roads (recommended traffic rotaries practice) the standards put forth by Congress serve as a guide for the creation of traffic rotaries. The code does not address the guidelines for the design of "small roundabouts." The rotary must have a minimum of 500 automobiles per hour of traffic and a maximum of 3000 cars per hour of traffic, per the regulations. Geometry and statistics of the weaving traffic combine to define the rotary's capacity. A 40-kilometer-per-hour maximum speed is allowed on the rotary. Where necessary, separate crossings for bicycles and pedestrians should be offered.

(2) **Dipak et. al.** discusses the reasons of traffic congestion vary depending on the severity of the problem, the kind of traffic, and the driving habits of the drivers. Population, population density in metropolitan areas, diversity in motorized vehicles and home types, a lacklustre public transportation system, privately and publicly owned vehicles, road crossings, and passenger attitudes that drive up demand for the roadways are the main culprits. Numerous factors, including the presence of slums, local employment opportunities, a lack of parking places, bad urban planning, socioeconomic conditions of the populace, signal malfunctions, and many others, contribute to increased traffic congestion. When navigating a roundabout, traffic incidents such car accidents, breakdowns, work zones, unfavourable weather, and shoddy traffic signal systems all contribute to the congestion. Vehicle movements from various approaches (turns to the left or right) require space to cross safely. Bus stops and heavy trucks are two daily routine actions that contribute to traffic congestion. Low travel speeds (20 to 30 k mph) to traffic before approaching a roundabout are the main causes of roundabout congestion. Roundabouts encourage a continuous, circular flow of traffic. In a roundabout with no traffic, drivers do not slow down, but they also do not accelerate as they should when approaching an intersection. In one-way traffic and when entering a roundabout, the roads are slightly bent to allow nonstop drivers to enter the intersection and to assist them in travelling anticlockwise in the circle, which increases the risk of head-on crashes.

(3) **Shruti et. al.** studies Roundabout Justification and Feasibility. Not all traffic problems can be resolved by roundabouts in all places. To determine the best effective control approach at any specific location, careful research is needed. The warrants and requirements outlined in the Indian Road Congress serve as the foundation for the research necessary to support the implementation of traffic signal control and all-way stop control. Consider using a modern roundabout instead of traffic lights and stop signs to direct traffic. Of course, there are excellent roundabouts and terrible roundabouts, and no amount of intelligent software will ever be able to eliminate the requirement for good traffic engineers to be in charge of ensuring successful and secure operation. Only a human touch can account for everything. Compared to other countries, India's trac has been discovered to be varied and to vary greatly from region to region in terms of substance.

(4) Empirical capacity model for roundabouts under heterogeneous traffic flow conditions **Ashish et. al.** discovered that the best relationship between the entry and the circulating inflow was exponential. The capacity was significantly impacted by the geometric variables ER, center islet periphery, entry range, weaving range, and weaving length. It was shown that the capacity reduced by 48 – 50 for every 10 m increase in ER. also, when the periphery of the middle islet was increased by 5 m, the capacity increased by 17 – 25. For every 5 m increase in their size, entry range and weaving range capacity increased by over 25 and dropped by over 25, independently. In discrepancy, it was discovered that weaving length had a lower of effect on capacity because a 10 reduction in capacity was seen when the length increased by 10m.

(5) **Vicky et. al.** explored installing a roundabout at a busy crossroads to ensure a steady flow of traffic. According to an experiment conducted in Detroit, USA, roundabouts allow a steady flow of 1800 vehicles per hour. According to their analysis, the installation of a roundabout results in a 37% decrease in collisions overall, a 75% decrease in injury collisions, a 90% decrease in fatality collisions, and a 40% decrease in crashes involving pedestrians. The report also explains the factors

that roundabouts use to lessen collision risk and severity, such as the lack of a light to beat, slow travel speeds, and one-way traffic.

(6) **Abhinav et. al.** determine if a roundabout is applicable for an crossroad, statistics on the volume of business and the shape of the crossroad are demanded. By using a contemporary technique, similar as projecting the crossroad's google chart image to scale on Auto Cad software, the figure of any crossroad can be determined. The dimension, the permitted inscribed circle should be determined, together with the diameter of the Centre Island and the range of the circulatory roadway. Splitter Island is pivotal in controlling traffic into and out of the roundabout. A safe distance from the circulatory expressway needs to be set away for a pedestrian crossing with enough range. Check the entry angle and appropriateness of a design vehicle at the proposed roundabout. A roundabout's slow traffic flow allows for observable interaction with pedestrians and promotes deference in their direction. Reduced driver confusion and traffic signal-related waiting in line are two other benefits. They allow U-turns, which are frequently impractical at various types of the junction, inside the regular traffic flow. Additionally, using a roundabout surely results in less pollution when you consider that vehicles that run on fuel idle significantly less frequently at roundabouts than at traffic signal. They no longer always come to a complete stop while joining traffic; instead, they only need to give way As a consequence, by keeping some of their momentum, the engine will have to work considerably less to get back to its initial speed, producing less pollutants. Additionally, studies have shown that traffic on roundabouts that shifts slowly creates less noise than traffic that should be preventing vehicle starts, acceleration, and braking.

(7) **Niranjan et. al.** studies that most of the existing crossroads are now extremely congested as a result of the significant increase in traffic in recent years, which is thought to be a key contributing factor to accidents and delays. Bangalore, one of the most populous cities in the world, frequently sees serious accidents and protracted traffic jams. The idea of adopting a roundabout to replace the current at grade signalized intersection has various advantages for dealing with these lengthy traffic jams and for achieving the primary goal, which is to lessen the potential conflict locations. The enormous benefits and improvements of converting a signalized crossroads to a roundabout intersection have been demonstrated in several studies and explorations.

(8) **Sanket et. al.** studied the crucial components of the road sections are the intersections, and the purpose of a constructed intersection is to control diverging and merging streams of traffic, as well as pedestrian and bicycle traffic, to reduce delays. The lane widths required, including the auxiliary lanes, traffic control devices, and channelization, if applicable, are determined by the pattern of traffic movements at the intersection and the volume of traffic on each approach, during one peak hour of the day. Depending on the type of intersection, the placement of the islands and the size and shape of the auxiliary lanes vary as well. The approach speeds, land use restrictions, available sight distances, and the presence of a greater volume of all road users in urban areas are the general design principles of intersections; however, it is essential for users of these guidelines to apply knowledge of the local conditions when interpreting and coming to a design solution. The site, road, and traffic conditions are considered in the design details. However, because the design elements are general in nature, they can be adapted to other intersections with roughly comparable traffic and road conditions. (10)

### III. METHODOLOGY

#### A. Site Selection:

The most crucial step in this endeavor was choosing the appropriate sites. We choose to adhere to IRC SP 41 and IRC 65 when choosing a site. This gave us the fundamental guidelines for choosing a site. including the following:

- a) Where the volumes entering the various intersections' legs are roughly equal, roundabouts (a type of rotary intersection) are most adaptable.
- b) An estimated 3000 vehicles per hour entering from all intersecting legs is the maximum capacity that a traffic rotary (roundabout) can handle efficiently.
- c) Roundabouts are helpful in areas where a substantial percentage of traffic turns right at a junction.
- d) Rotaries can be used at intersections with three or four intersection legs, but they are best suited for intersections with five or more intersection legs.
- e) There is a smooth and organized flow of traffic. Traffic as a whole takes' precedence over individual traffic movements.
- f) The flow of traffic is pretty uniform in speed. Avoid frequent stopping and starting.
- g) At typical at-grade intersections, weaving takes the role of the customary crossing actions. All traffic streams merge or diverge at modest angles to avoid direct conflict. Accidents resulting from these motions typically have modest consequences.
- h) Rotaries can manage themselves in areas with moderate traffic without the assistance of law enforcement or traffic lights.



## B. Traffic Survey:

- To conduct a traffic survey, we employ the manual method, classifying and counting the traffic that passes by a given site using field personnel.
- Automatic equipment makes it possible to count the amount of traffic at any given site and keep a record of the count.
- There are two-wheeler s, cars, buses, and auto-rickshaws in the traffic flow. The manual count method is used to collect traffic statistics, which is subsequently transformed into PCU/hour.

## C. Data Analysis:

We will extract information from the traffic survey, such as whether or not the overall number of right turns is 30%.

## D. Design Analysis of Traffic Roundabout:

The following procedures will be used in the design of the roundabout:

- Data gathering and extraction in Step 1: analysis of the data gathered during traffic studies. In subsequent chapters, it is discussed based on the locations.
- Step 2: Verifying the Conditions and Their Suitability at the Intersection: In order to construct a roundabout, it is necessary to verify that the concerned intersection has the necessary characteristics.
- Step 3: Making Design Calculations: When creating a roundabout, each of its various components—including the entry and exit curves, the waving width, the radius of the Central Island, etc.—must be designed separately. For locations I and II, these elements were covered in chapters 4 and 5, respectively.
- Step 4: Capacity Check: This is computed to compare the intersection's capacity for traffic volume before and after the roundabout is installed. We're going to use a roundabout to analyze its capacity.

It is crucial that the rotary's geometric design, which evolved through time, be able to handle the traffic flow. on the rotary, amount of traffic. The following formula could be used to estimate the capacity of each weaving section, which depends on a period. The actual capacity of a clockwise motion is really the capacity of the weaving section that can handle the least a period. The actual capacity of a clockwise motion is really the capacity of the weaving section that can handle the least factors like

- Weaving section width,
- Average width of entry into the rotary,
- Weaving length, and
- Ratio of weaving traffic

$$Q_p = 280w [1+e/w] [1-p/3] 1+w/l$$

Where

Q= Represents the actual, hourly passenger car unit (PCU) capacity of the rotary's weaving section.

w= Width of weaving segment in meters

e= Average entrance width

l= Length of the weaving section between the ends of channelizing islands (to be within the range 0.12 and 0.4)

p= Proportion of weaving traffic, or the percentage of the sum of streams that cross each other to all traffic on the weaving , 'a' and 'b', as non-weaving traffic "B and c are the weaving traffic, while d' is the non-weaving traffic. Consequently,

$$P = \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{a}{a+b+c+d}$$

The following prerequisites must be met in order for this capacity formula to be valid.

- The rotary's weaving width ranges from 6 to 18 meters.
- The range of the average carriageway width at entry and exit to the weaving width is in the range of 0.4 to 1.

The rotary's ratio of weaving traffic to non-weaving traffic is between 0.4 and 1, and the roundabout's weaving width to weaving length is between 0.12 and 0.4. The intersection has weaving lengths ranging from 18 to 90 meters.(2)

## IV. CONCLUSION

This research can assist traffic control authorities in understanding the current operational circumstances of roundabouts. It is important to test the relevance and acceptability of the various approaches utilized to estimate the entry capacity in this study under Indian conditions. More research is needed on roundabouts with diverse geometric aspects, such as having various entry ways in terms of entry lanes. These techniques are typically employed at four-legged intersections.

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