















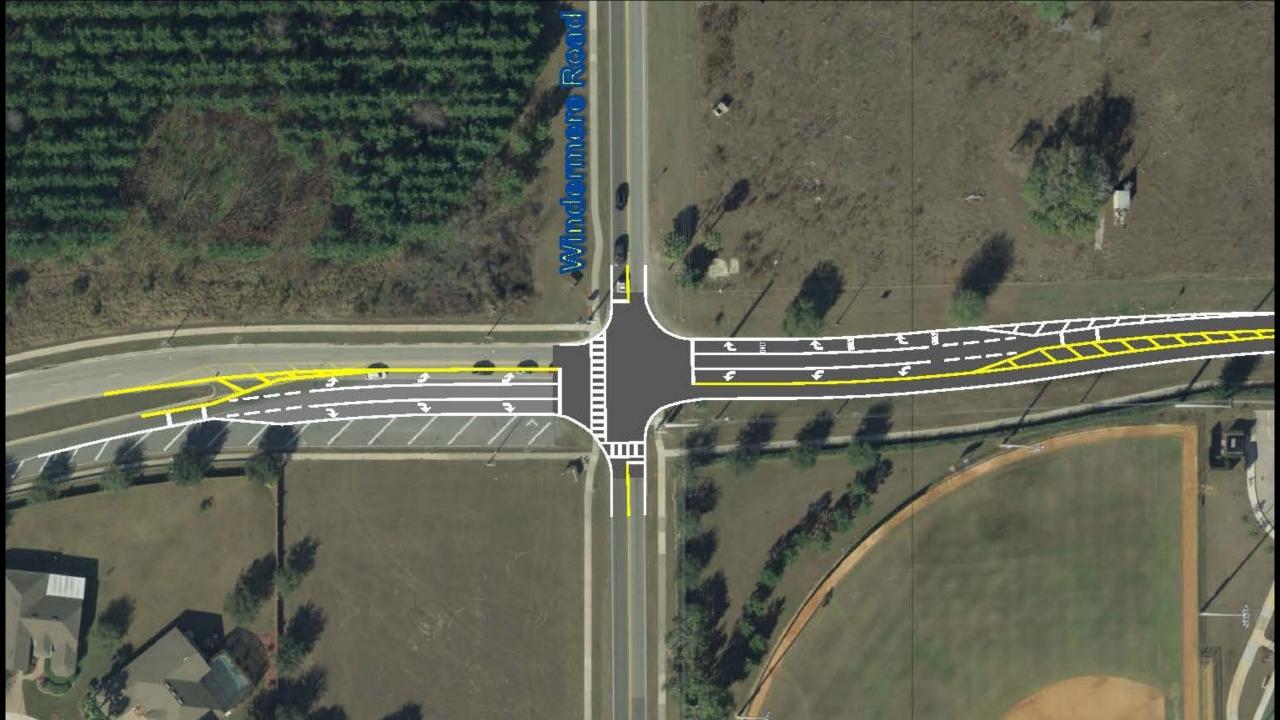


If you plan cities for cars and traffic, you get cars and traffic.

If you plan for people and places, you get people and places.

- Fred Kent, Project for Public Spaces

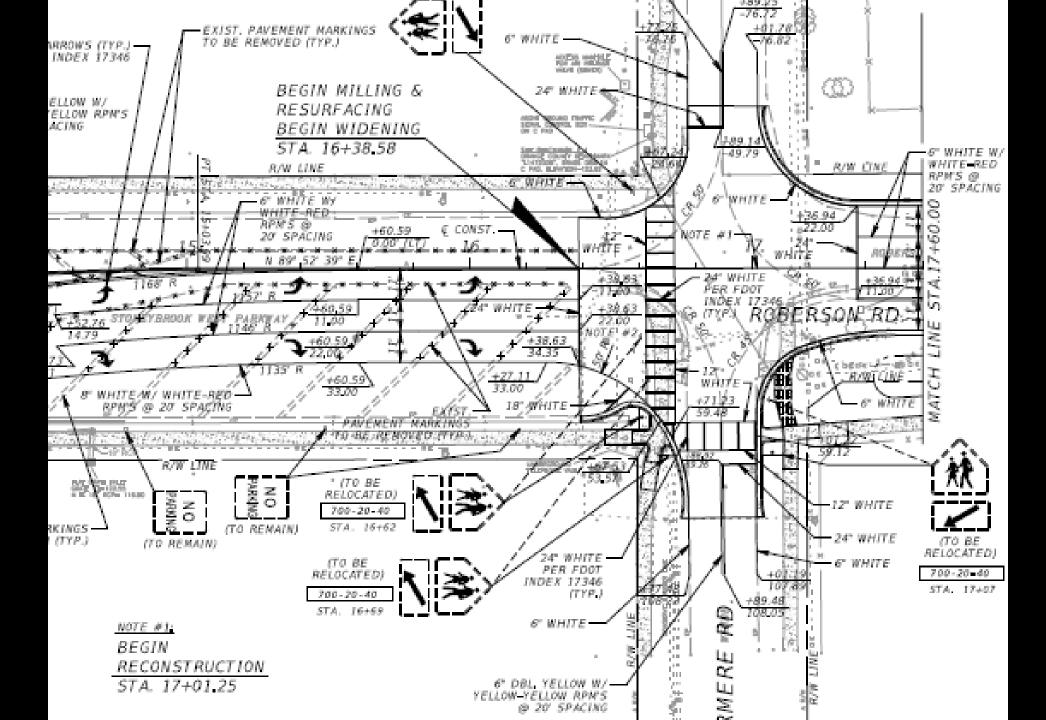


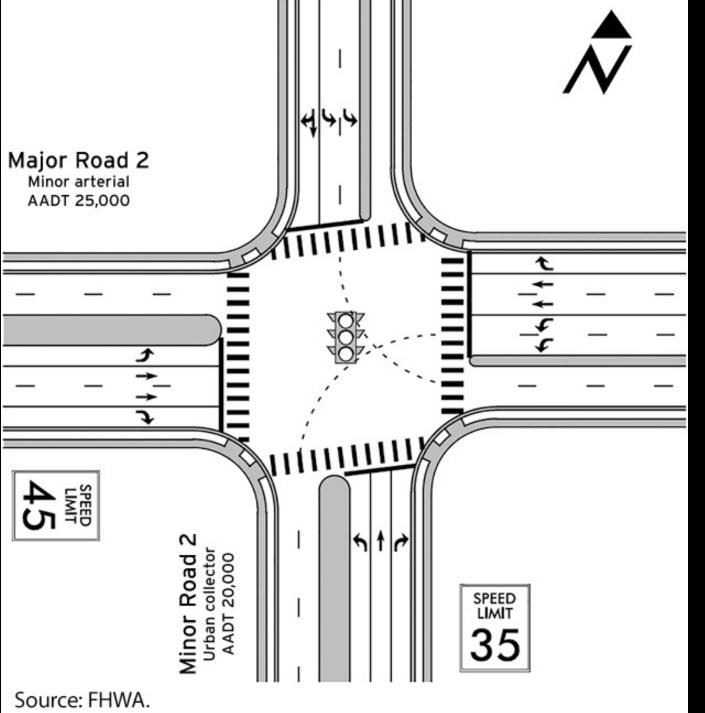








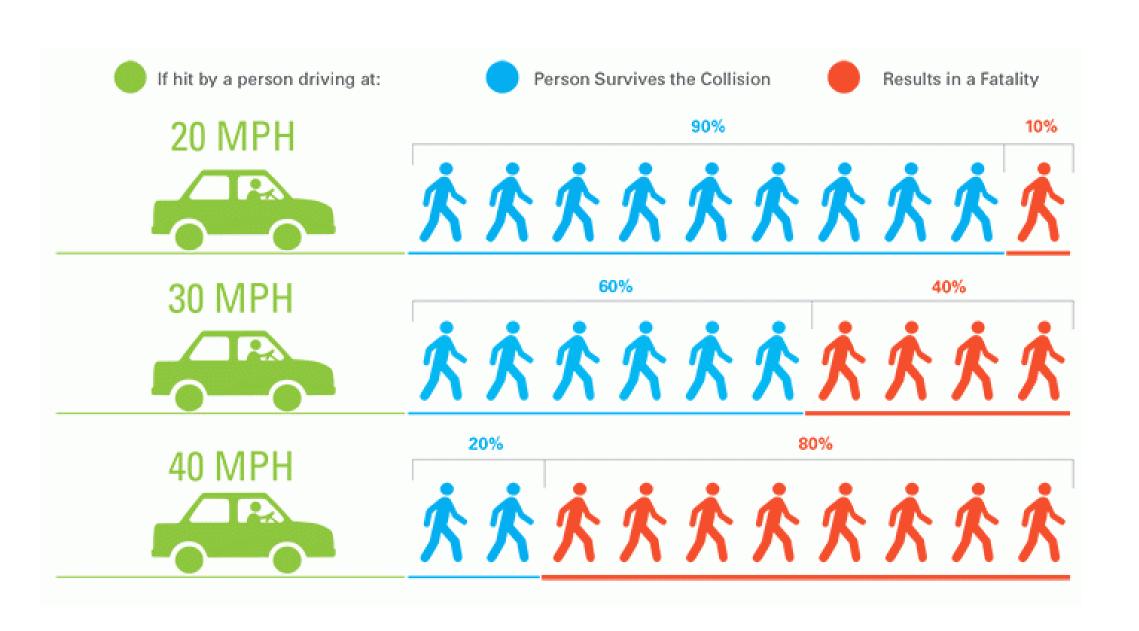




Drivers read the road, not the design plans.

- Federal Highway Administration, Speed Concepts Informational Guide, 2009



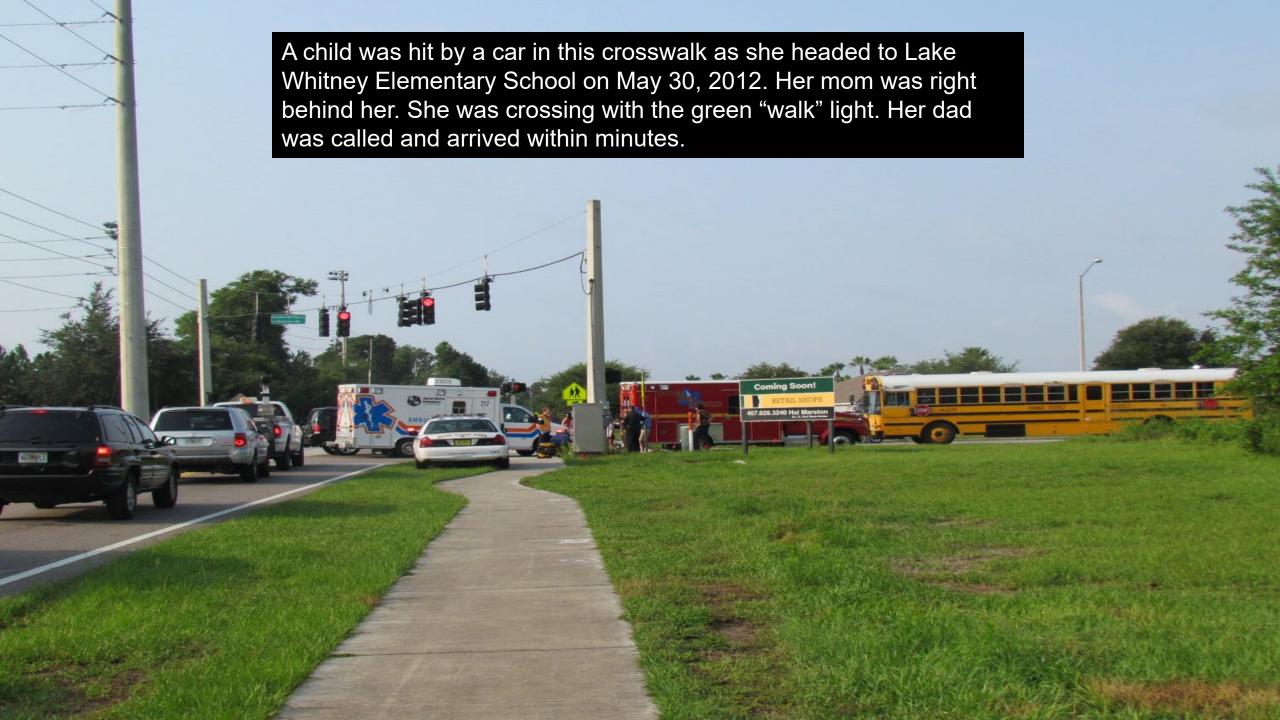


A TRAGIC IRONY





Our wide streets allow us to quickly respond to collisions caused by our wide streets.











We can't pave our way out of traffic congestion.

- Road builders

(And just about everyone else.)







Modern Roundabouts

A LIVABILITY FACT SHEET

Every day in the U.S. more than 20 people are killed at traffic intersections, and many more are seriously injured.¹ Roundabouts — circular intersections that move traffic counterclockwise around a central island — can help reduce these deaths and injuries. Roundabouts are calmer and safer than conventional intersections and have been deemed a "proven safety counter-measure" by the U.S. Department of Transportation.²

Modern roundabouts — often the size of a baseball field — differ from rotaries or traffic circles, which can be as big as the stadium itself. Roundabouts feature lower, safer vehicle speeds. They can be 80 feet across with single lanes carrying 25,000 vehicles a day or larger at 200 feet, with double lanes and 45,000 vehicles a day.³

Personal injuries and fatalities plummet as much as 90 percent in modern roundabouts when compared to conventional intersections. Acoundabouts cause drivers to slow down, ideally to less than 20 mph, which reduces the risks to both pedestrians and drivers.

Because roundabouts can handle 30 to 50 percent more traffic than conventional intersections, they reduce travel delays. ⁴ Since roundabouts can be designed to be aesthetically pleasing, they help create a sense of place.

By January 2014, roundabouts graced over 2,000 intersections in the U.S., with more planned. Given their safety and placemaking benefits, roundabouts should be considered for many more of the three million intersections in the U.S.

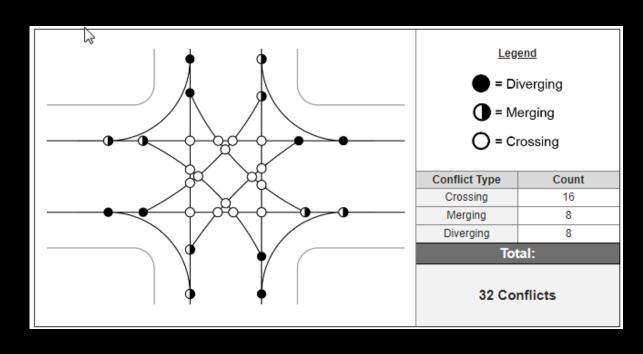
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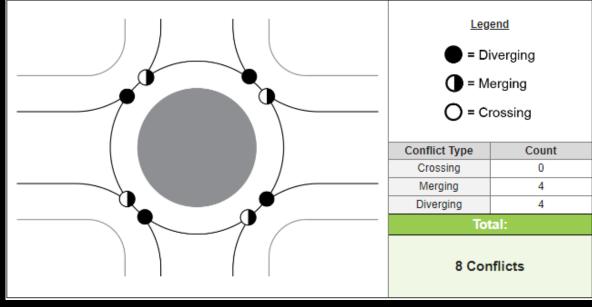






- Speed
- Direction
- Conflict points
- Efficiency and cost
- Economic development





Don't accept 'no' from someone who doesn't have the authority to say 'yes.'

Broaden the stakeholder list. Start with a base of shared values. Tell the story as you know it.









Saved \$1M+ in public funds

Safer

Crashes four years prior: 44 (10 with injury) Crashes four years since: 19 (6 with injury)

No crashes involving people walking or biking in the four years prior or since. This project wasn't a response to a street that was deadly for people; it was a response to plans to make it *more* dangerous.

Spurred context-appropriate development

The community is now engaged as a stakeholder in development applications.

Moves traffic

Vehicles enter and circulate between 15 and 20 mph with one exception, being worked on. AADT up to 25,000.

Works just fine during power outages!

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