What's the difference between modern **ROUNDABOUTS** and **TRAFFIC CIRCLES**?



Colts Neck
Roundabout

Flemington Traffic Circle (NJ Route 12)



can be confusing for many drivers.

ROUNDABOUTS	DESIGN FEATURE	TRAFFIC SIGNALS & ROTARIES
SMALLER, MORE COMPACT	SIZE	BIGGER
 Most modern roundabouts are single lane and 110 to 150 feet in diameter No lane-changing needed to exit, so roundabouts can be smaller and more compact Though roundabouts are smaller, they can still handle large vehicles by installing a mountable center island 		 Rotaries or circles tend to be larger, more than 300 feet wide More space is needed for lane changes
LOW SPEED	SPEED	HIGHER SPEED
Vehicles tend to travel at lower, more consistent speeds, generally 15-25 MPH		 The larger size allows vehicles to travel faster, with entry speeds of 40 MPH or higher Higher speeds can result in more severe crashes Entering drivers who wish to circulate must change lanes while circulating and weave with vehicles trying to exit
YIELD AT ENTRY	TRAFFIC CONTROL	INCONSISTENT ENTRY
 Drivers entering are required to yield, keeping inside traffic moving No lane changes occur within a single-lane roundabout, resulting in fewer conflicts between drivers 	YIELD	 Entry may be controlled by yield signs, merge signs or no signs at all Vehicles typically enter alongside traffic that is circulating in the inside lanes. Changing lanes and interweaving with exiting traffic