Open for Business

The Rochester Roundabout is now open to traffic! Operations are running smoothly, and we’ve had outstanding support from users and the local community. Did you know?

- Ours is the first roundabout to be built on a state highway in PennDOT District 11-0 (Allegheny, Beaver & Lawrence Counties).
- The project was completed and open to traffic 3 days early.
- Average traffic backups on Rhode Island Avenue have already been reduced by 95%, and cut-through traffic on West Washington Street has been reduced by 35%!

And that’s only within the first few weeks! These numbers will continue to change as everyone gets used to the new traffic pattern. Next steps for the Roundabout include completion of additional signing and landscaping for the central island. These improvements will be completed by October, 2011.

By February, 2012, all of the infrastructure recommendations contained in BCTA’s TRID study will be completed, including improvements to the Rochester Transportation Center terminal, customer services, and façade, as well as expansion of the park and ride facilities. Overall, the improvements will bring about $3 million worth of infrastructure toward downtown Rochester’s revitalization effort.

Looking Forward to the Ribbon Cutting in March 2012!

Walkers: Stay Safe

When all the plantings come in, the Rochester Roundabout will be beautiful, but it’s NOT a public park!

Remember, pedestrians must utilize crosswalks and splitter islands to cross each leg of the roundabout intersection.

Never walk through the center of the roundabout or along the raised, stamped-concrete truck apron.

Pedestrians can enjoy the Roundabout from a distance by using the striped crosswalks and sidewalks.

Truckers Welcome

The Rochester Roundabout welcomes truckers! Large trucks may use the raised, stamped-concrete apron around the central island to navigate the roundabout. The apron is a specially-designed feature to accommodate heavy trucks, and is raised to discourage cars from driving on it. Use the truck apron, and you can leave the sidewalks to the pedestrians!