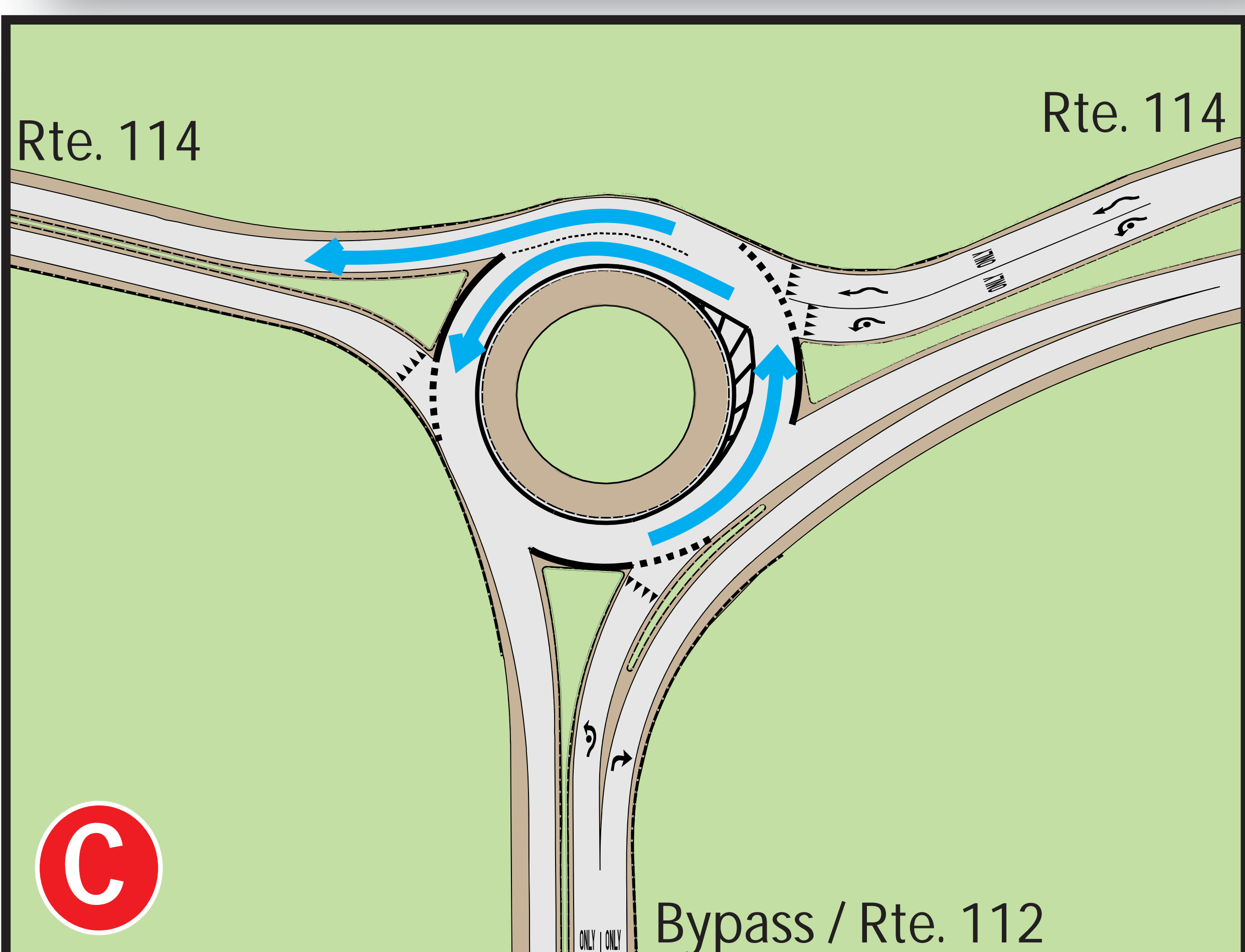
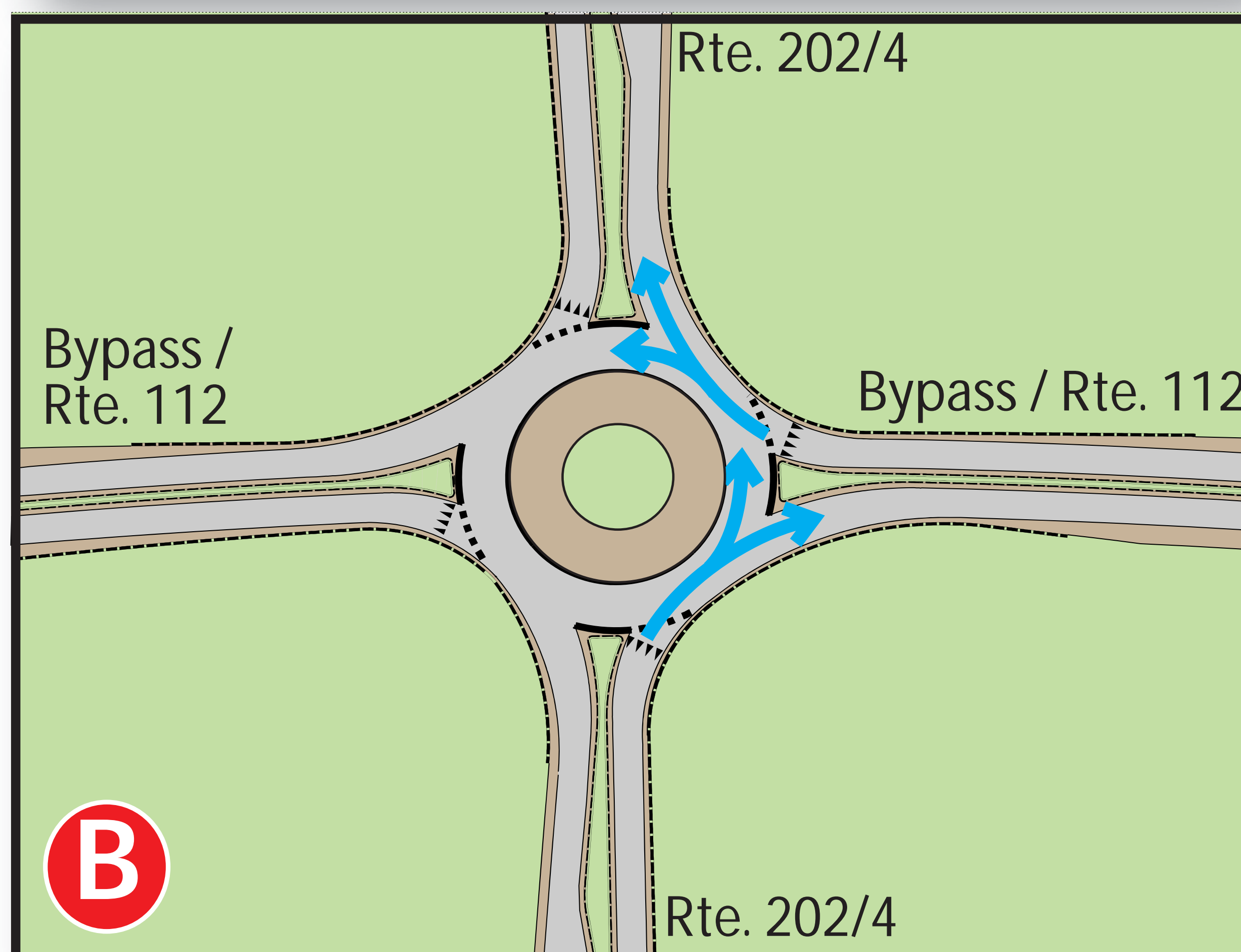
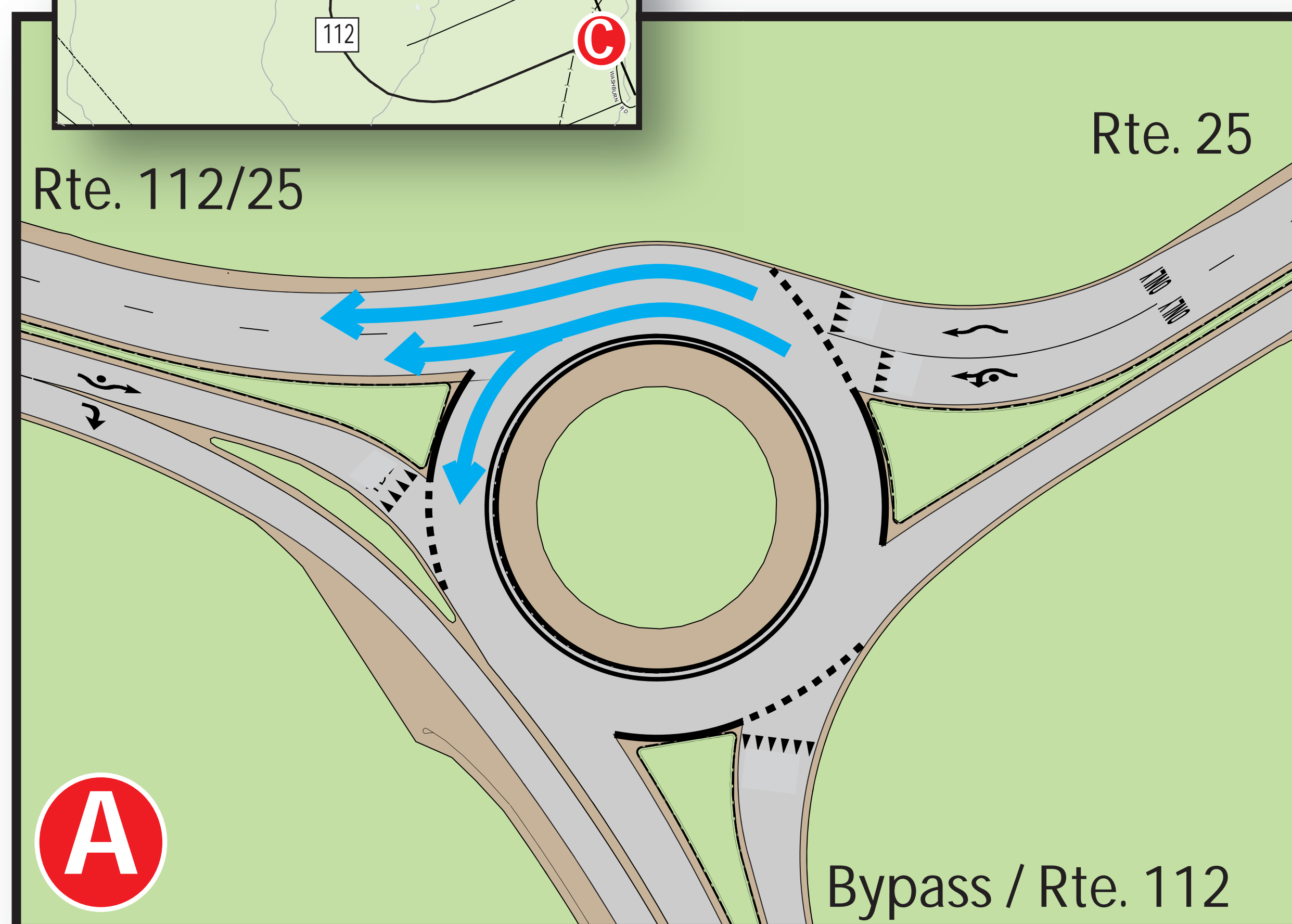


The Roundabout Way of Driving

The Safe Way to Drive Gorham's New Roundabouts



As the long-awaited Gorham Bypass opens to traffic, the traveling public will be introduced to a whole new way of traveling through the area. Three new roundabouts will allow traffic to flow safely and smoothly over the new road. Here are some tips for safe travel in a roundabout.

- Traffic in a roundabout always has the right of way, so slow down and be prepared to yield as you approach.
- Pay attention to visual cues such as raised islands that separate you from opposing traffic as you approach the roundabout.
- Always stay to the right of these splitter islands.
- Look to your left before entering the roundabout, yield to oncoming traffic and always travel counter clockwise.
- It is important to know your destination before entering the roundabout. Watch for directional signs and proceed cautiously to the appropriate exit.
- Always use your turn signals and look in your rear view mirrors before you exit.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.

These roundabouts are among the first in the state to make use of multi-lane approaches. This requires an extra measure of caution.

- Again, it is important to know your destination before entering the roundabout. Take note of directional signs and lane markings and get in the correct lane as you approach the roundabout.
- Once in your lane, follow it to the appropriate exit. Do not change lanes in a roundabout.
- Assume trucks will need all available space. Do not pass them.

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