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**NMDOT wants you prepared to safely navigate roundabouts**  
*Construction nearly complete on the Date Street Project*

**TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES** – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) recently held an open house to help community members feel prepared to drive safely through the new Date Street Roundabouts, which are nearly completed.

On Tuesday, April 30th at the Hot Springs High School cafeteria, NMDOT hosted a public education open house. NMDOT staff provided simple education and information on safely driving through a roundabout. Additionally, a student-only learning session was held earlier in the day for new drivers.

A roundabout is a circular intersection design where traffic travels at low speed around a central island, and entering traffic must yield to circulating traffic. Roundabouts are becoming increasingly common in the United States.

Driving in a roundabout is safer and more efficient when compared to traditional signalized intersections and stop-controlled intersections. In a roundabout, the cars are traveling at a slower speed (approx. 15-20 mph), there are fewer conflict points, and if crashes do occur, they are much less severe.

Attached to this email is a factsheet with some instructional information on how to safely drive through a roundabout. The fact sheet also includes additional learning resources and a link to view an instructional video from the Federal Highway Administration. Learn more at [www.dot.nm.gov/event/date-street-open-house](http://www.dot.nm.gov/event/date-street-open-house).

NMDOT thanks you for your involvement as we celebrate bringing these exciting safety improvements to T or C! If you were unable to attend the Open House information shared can be located at [www.dot.nm.gov/roundabouts/](http://www.dot.nm.gov/roundabouts/).

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