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SUBJECT: ROUNDABOUT POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish policy and procedure for the use of roundabouts on Ministry roads.

BACKGROUND

The modern roundabout has been successfully implemented in countries throughout the world. Benefits that have been realized by both transportation officials and road users include reduction in the severity of crashes and reductions in vehicular delays.

POLICY

1. Roundabouts shall be considered as an option for intersection designs where a greater degree of traffic control than a stop sign is required. If a different intersection treatment is recommended, the project documentation should include a reason why a roundabout solution was not selected for that location. Roadway design with respect to roundabouts shall be carried out in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transportation's Engineering Branch.
2. Roundabouts shall be considered on all roadways with the exception of high speed (70 km/h or greater) corridors. Roundabouts may be considered for intersections with interchange ramps.

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