Roundabout Information

Traffic Safety
Roundabouts are significantly safer than conventional intersections:
- 35% reduction in crashes
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Traffic Flow
Roundabouts reduce delays, especially during non-peak hours compared to a signalized intersection.

Pedestrian Safety
- Reduced vehicle speeds
- Fewer vehicle conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians
- Crossing occurs one direction at a time
- Low-speed environment

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Pedestrian Accidents in City of Kent

7 out of 81 pedestrian accidents in the City of Kent occurred in this one mile stretch out of the 88 miles of roadway in Kent.

VISIT the City of Kent Engineer’s Web Site
City of Kent Engineering Division
www.kentohio.org
(330) 678-8106

CONTACT Kent State University
Parking & Transit Services
(330) 672-4432

ULTrIZE The Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority
PARA is committed to providing safe, dependable, courteous and affordable transportation services that help Portage County resident meet their travel needs.
For more information, please call:
1-877-RIDE-RTA (1-877-743-3782) or (330) 678-1BUS (330) 678-1287 or visit
www.partaoonline.org

DON’T LET CONSTRUCTION SLOW YOU DOWN!
Use this brochure to get the information you need to navigate the East Summit Street Project from sources you can trust.

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FACT: East Summit Street is the MOST congested street in both Portage and Summit Counties.
FACT: East Summit Street is the MOST dangerous corridor in the City of Kent for pedestrians.
FACT: The City of Kent and Kent State University find this unacceptable.

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While driving your car...

SLOW for the Cone Zone
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Q. How long is construction expected to last?
A. Construction will begin during the summer of 2015 and is anticipated to be completed late 2017. The time frame is heavily dependent on weather, utilities and other factors.

Q. Will I have access to all parking and other facilities within the construction zone during all phases?
A. Yes. All traffic, including emergency vehicles, will have access to all facilities at all times during construction. This includes KSU buildings and parking lots.

Q. Who is paying for this project?
A. The City of Kent and KSU have formed a partnership and will each pay 10% of the necessary funds; federal funds have been procured for the remaining 80%. Your gas tax dollars are being brought back to build this important safety upgrade that will benefit Kent residents, KSU students, motorist, cyclists and pedestrians who travel through the area.

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Safety Above All Else

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23% Project Area

Remainder of Kent

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Eastbound (EB) traffic will be maintained along Summit Street throughout the construction zone.

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Phase 2: Construction is limited to the south side of Summit Street from Fraternity Circle to Whitehall Blvd.

Phase 3: Construction is limited to the north side of Summit Street from Willow Street to Fraternity Circle.

Phase 4: Construction is limited to the south side of Summit Street from Willow Street to Fraternity Circle.