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SPRINGFIELD TO BEGIN ROUNDABOUT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Springfield PD will monitor the roundabout starting September 21

The City of Springfield Police Department will be monitoring the multi-lane roundabout located at Harlow Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway beginning the week of September 21, providing educational materials for drivers and working to make a safe intersection safer.

“Safety is always our main concern,” said Springfield Transportation Manager Tom Boyatt, “with a new school year underway and a high number of vehicles using Martin Luther King, Jr Parkway, we want to encourage drivers to follow the rules of the road.”

Media Opportunities: City staff will be made available for interviews at the roundabout.

Program Intent:

The goal of the outreach program is to increase driver awareness regarding the proper way to navigate a multi-lane roundabout ensuring safety for vehicle occupants and pedestrians alike. While studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than both traffic circles and traditional junctions—having 40% fewer vehicle collisions, 80% fewer injuries and 90% fewer serious injuries and fatalities, we believe continued education is still important.

Drivers will receive information related to: speed of travel when entering the roundabout, yielding to pedestrians, yielding to vehicles in the roundabout and illegal lane changes within the roundabout.

More information can be found at www.gospringfielddoregon.info