

ISSUES BRIEF

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Roundabout opens at 34th & Fruitvale

A new roundabout at the intersection of Fruitvale Boulevard/River Road/34th Avenue opened August 29th.

Roundabout construction began Jan. 30th and has required road closures. It was originally expected to open in early September.

"The City of Yakima appreciates the public's patience as we complete this project," said Chief Engineer Dana Kallevig. "We encourage drivers to familiarize themselves with roundabouts and remember to yield as they enter a roundabout."

To manage roundabouts effectively, drivers should:

- Yield to traffic inside the roundabout: Vehicles already in the roundabout have the right-of-way. Wait for a safe gap before entering.
- Choose the correct lane: Based on the exit you plan to take, select the appropriate lane. The right lane is typically for right turns and straight-through movements, while the left lane is for left turns and U-turns.



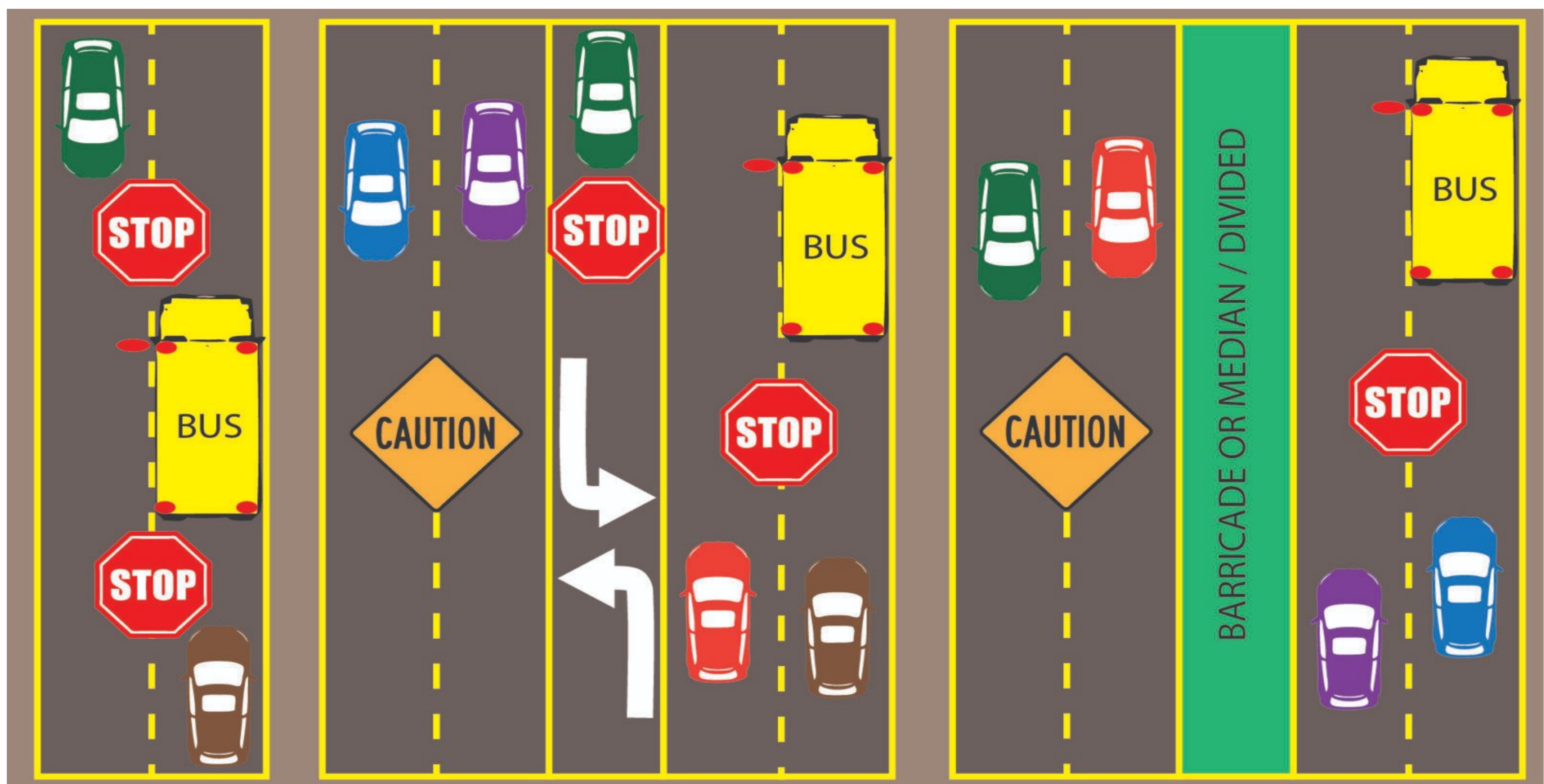
- Use turn signals: Indicate your exit with clear and timely turn signals.
- Approach at a safe speed: Adjust your speed based on traffic conditions and the size of the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians: Be vigilant and yield to pedestrians waiting to cross as you enter or exit the roundabout.
- Look for gaps: Wait for a sufficient gap in traffic before entering the roundabout.

- Maintain a consistent speed: Once inside the roundabout, keep a steady and consistent speed.

The Federal Highway Administration has an [animated video](#) with tips on safely navigating roundabouts.

For more about the project call City of Yakima Chief Engineer Dana Kallevig at 509-575-6048.

Back to school reminder



TWO-LANE ROAD

All vehicles traveling in either direction must stop.

THREE OR MORE LANES, OR TURN LANE IN MIDDLE

All vehicles traveling in the same direction must stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction can proceed with caution.

ROADWAY THAT IS DIVIDED / MEDIAN / ISLAND

All vehicles traveling in the same direction must stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction can proceed with caution.

Briefly

72nd & Washington roundabout two months ahead of schedule

The intersection of 72nd Ave and Washington Ave is closed to traffic for Phase 3 construction for a roundabout.

Detours are posted and access is maintained to properties in the area.

The intersection is expected to re-open to traffic on September 12th, two months ahead of schedule.

Note: Schedules are subject to change dependent on weather, equipment failure and emergencies.

Harman Center book fair for local authors is September 13th

Written any good books lately? Check out the Harman Center's first-ever Local Authors Book Fair on Saturday, Sept. 13th, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Registration, along with a \$25 fee for display space, are due September 8th. They must be submitted at the Harman Center in person.

The senior center is located at 101 North 65th Ave. Click the following for the registration form – [Book Fair Registration FormDownload](#)

"We are excited to host this new event and support authors in our area," said Recreation Program Supervisor Leslie Richards. "We encourage the community to meet local writers, explore new reads and support literary talent in our community."

For more about the book fair, contact Leslie Richards at 509-575-6166.

WFCC hosts blood drive

Washington Fruit Community Center, 602 N. 4th St, hosts a Red Cross blood drive from 12 pm to 5 pm on Friday, Sept. 12th.

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter washingtonfruit to schedule an appointment.



WFCC photo

Back to school in style

Washington Fruit Community Center offered free back-to-school haircuts last month for elementary, middle and high school students. Learn more about WFCC at [Washington Fruit Community Center](#) | [Yakima Parks and Recreation](#)

Yakima Parks & Recreation
Come Out and Play!

Washington Fruit Community Center
602 N 4th Street

Beyond the Bell 8/27-6/4
Monday 2:15-6:00 pm
Tue-Fri 3:15-6:00 pm
Grade K-5

Beyond the Bell
Yakima Parks & Recreation

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Homework Assistance • Arts & Crafts
• Sports & Games • Teamwork Building
Safe & Fun Recreation
Snacks are provided
Registration starts Aug 1st and throughout the school year! Space is limited!

Only \$6 +tax per child.
Ask about our \$92 a month +tax plan!
Register at WFCC
602 N 4th St.
or
www.yakimaparks.com

REGISTER FOR 2025-2026
509.576.6488

For more information contact Parks & Rec
2301 Fruitvale Blvd. or WFCC 602 N 4th Street

City Council action summary - Aug. 2025

Yakima City Council action during its meetings in August included:

- Issuing Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation
- Receiving the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Report
- Authorizing application for and acceptance of FAA grant for Crosswind Runway Rehabilitation
- Authorizing application for and acceptance of FAA grant to construct terminal building baggage claim & restroom upgrades
- Appointing members to Pro and Con Committees
- Authorizing acceptance of the WSDOT 2025-27 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant award for the Wendy Baker Shared Use Path Project 2879
- Authorizing acceptance of FAA Airport Terminal Program grant for construction of terminal baggage claim and restroom upgrades

Complete minutes and agendas from council meetings are available at [Agendas and Minutes | City Council \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov/agendas-and-minutes).

U.S. Rep. Newhouse tours Yakima Airport



On Aug. 21st, Airport Director Rob Hodgman (at left in the photo at right) hosted U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse for a tour of the airport modernization project. Above from left are Mayor Patricia Byers, County Commissioner LaDon Linde, Newhouse and City Manager Vicki Baker.

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Questions? Suggestions?

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Animal Control:	575-6038
City Clerk:	575-6000
City Manager:	575-6000
Codes/Licenses:	575-6126
* Fire:	575-6060
Human Resources:	575-6090
Municipal Court:	575-3050
Parks:	575-6020
Planning:	575-6183
* Police:	575-6200
Refuse:	575-6005
Streets:	575-6005
Transit:	575-6175
Utilities:	575-6080
Wastewater:	575-6077
Water/Irrig:	575-6154
YCTV/YPAC:	575-6092

* **NON-EMERGENCY.** Call 911 in an emergency.

FIND SUPPORT *through* AN OVERDOSE LOSS

OVERDOSE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP



Connect with others who have lost a loved one to overdose or substance use disorder



Walk through your grief without the stigma or shame associated with addiction



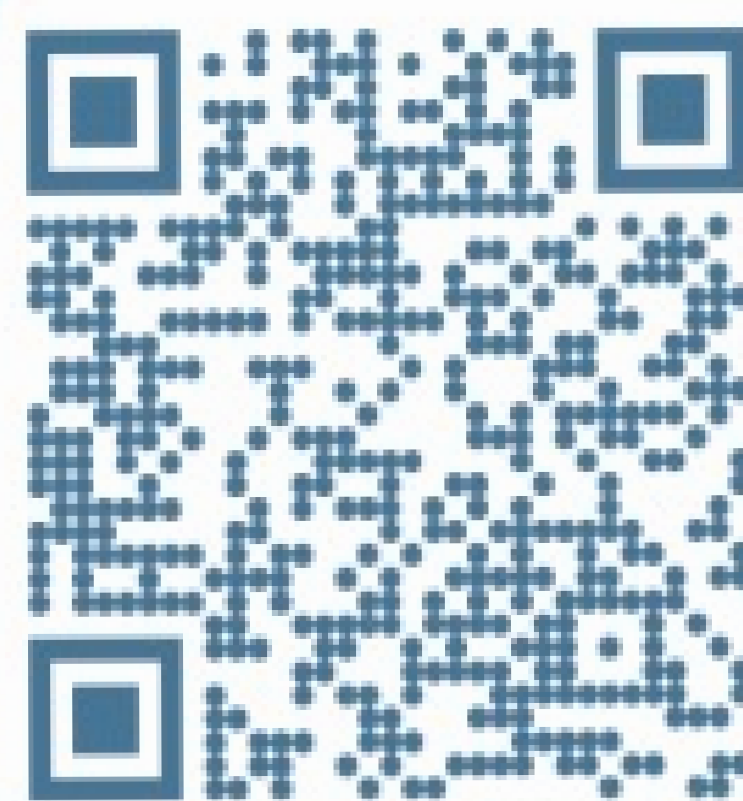
Feel safe and supported

6 SESSIONS

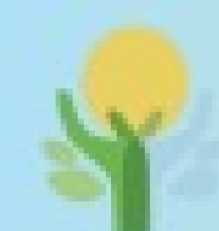
6-7 p.m. at Wellness House
6006 Summitview Ave, Yakima



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MORE INFO



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Community Foundation



Heartlinks

WELLNESS
HOUSE



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