



Work Type Definition and Submittal Requirements

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- I. **Minimum Requirements:** The work must be under the direct supervision of a Minnesota Professional Civil Engineer.
- II. **Description**

Refer to FHWA's definition of "Roundabout"

Roundabout design includes but is not limited to: Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE), R/W, geometric design, drainage, curb and pavement design, pedestrian and bicycle considerations, lighting, signing, landscaping, and construction staging.

Roundabout training includes but is not limited to: providing educational presentations to Hennepin County employees and external customers; provide training for Hennepin County employees in the use of RODEL software and the process of designing roundabouts.

Low Demand/Volume Roundabout projects are categorized by level as follows:

- A. Level 1 projects include the design of low volume roundabouts, including, but not limited to, the following:
 1. ICE reports must be completed for any proposed roundabout intersection.
 2. All layouts that include roundabouts are to be Level 1 layouts and subject to the approval of Hennepin County's Design Engineer.
 3. RODEL software will be used for roundabout design.
 4. Analyze specific system wide planning impacts related to the use of one or more roundabouts on the project corridor. This analysis should include issues related to access management, coordinated signal systems, freight movement, land use, and community character.

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5. Design operational characteristics and provide alternative concept layouts [must use RODEL software and Hennepin County approved appropriate software programs to perform a corridor or system evaluation, intersection control analysis (traffic signal, roundabout, 4-way stop control), and crash analysis]. In addition, assemble or review supporting documentation of alternatives, dual lane entry, and bypass lane.
 6. Design geometrics and provide improvement recommendations (i.e. the six geometric parameters defined in using the RODEL software; fastest speed paths and design speed, approach grades, site specific location of roundabout, number of entry lanes at each leg, dual lane entry, bypass lanes, right-of-way impacts, intersection sight distance, and entry curvature among other design criteria).
 7. Design roundabout preliminary layout and/or plan preparation: preliminary construction limits, typical sections, plan and profile sheets, cross-sections, drainage, pavement marking, signing, lighting, traffic control, work zone and staging plans, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, landscaping, and provide improvement recommendations where appropriate.
- B. Level 2 Projects include providing low volume roundabout technical support and training, including but not limited to:
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III. Standards and Specifications

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- E. Final Plans produced using Hennepin County's CADD Standards
- F. Design documentation and calculations;
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