

Butler Market & Wells Acres Roundabout Project



Project Overview

Improving the intersection of Butler Market and Wells Acres Roads have been a priority for the surrounding neighborhoods for many years. In fall, 2022, the City began working on design for a roundabout in this location, to improve safety and efficiency for all modes of travel.

Once complete, the project will:

- Deliver a long-desired improvement to intersection safety and operations for the surrounding neighborhoods
- Provide better connection for neighborhoods, schools, parks, residents and businesses
- Improve travel time reliability along a major transportation corridor in northeast Bend

Looking Ahead

Phase 1: Design Underway

- Design during fall 2022
- Utility potholing late 2022
- Potential utility relocations and right of way acquisition 2022-2023

Phase 2: Anticipated Construction (subject to change)

- Late 2023

Phase 3: Roundabout Opens



Related Projects

A companion project to the roundabout is the design of “Key Routes” for bicycle and pedestrian access along Butler Market and Boyd Acres Roads. This project is part of the voter-approved GO Bond for citywide transportation improvements. Visit [bendoregon.gov/boyd-butler](https://www.bendoregon.gov/boyd-butler) for more information about these key routes.

The roundabout improvement and Key Routes will improve safety and access for multiple modes of transportation in NE Bend neighborhoods.



Learn More

Visit www.bendoregon.gov/butler-wells for current project information and to sign up for weekly updates.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the City constructing a roundabout at this location?

Improvements at the intersection of Butler Market and Wells Acres roads have long been a priority for the surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, the intersection of the two streets is wide and offset in geometry, creating a hazard for motorists, especially those making left hand turning movements onto Butler Market or Wells Acres Roads.

How was the design for the roundabout chosen?

Project engineers developed the design by evaluating traffic flow and safety needs in the area. The new roundabout is designed to make the intersection safer and increase efficiency for all modes of travel, while also balancing the needs for property acquisition and disruption of the surrounding neighborhoods. The design facilitates safe travel for pedestrians and bicyclists.

When will construction start?

Construction of the roundabout is anticipated to start in late 2023, subject to change. Traffic control planning, coordination and communication with residents will be a critical part of the construction process, as Butler Market Road is a busy, high-volume corridor accessed by many neighborhoods and through-traffic users.

What are the benefits of roundabouts as opposed to signalized intersections?

Roundabouts efficiently manage traffic volumes and improve safety for multi-modal users. Roundabouts have been proven to reduce accidents and improve traffic flow. You can read more about Bend's roundabouts, see videos and educational materials here:

www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/streets/bend-roundabouts

As of May, 2022, Bend had 42 roundabouts, the most of any city in the state of Oregon.

How will the design make it safer for pedestrians in the area?

The roundabout will be designed to provide sidewalks and ADA compliant crossings throughout. New striping and intersection marking will enhance intersection visibility and safety for all users, increasing connectivity from the adjacent neighborhoods to nearby schools, parks and amenities.

How can I stay updated on the project?

Go to www.bendoregon.gov/butler-wells to sign up for project updates.

How can I find out about the “Key Route” project on Butler Market and Boyd Acres roads?

A related project which will connect to the roundabout is the Butler Market and Boyd Acres Key Route project for bicycling and walking enhancements. Design of this project will begin next year, with opportunities for public engagement coming in spring 2023. Learn more about that project by visiting www.bendoregon.gov/boyd-butler