State Route 9 Roundabouts

Arlington, WA



Corridor Background

SR 9, south of Arlington, had a series of intersections replaced with roundabouts. These roundabouts were installed between 2014 and 2020 and help reduce intersection delay and increase safety for all users. The corridor is on the edge of a suburban area, but is mostly surrounded by more rural low density development, and is a high speed state highway, much like portions of US 101.





Corridor Information

Extents

SR 531 / 172nd St NE to 84th St NE (6 miles)

Context

Mostly rural with some suburban homes

Traffic Volume

13,000 to 16,000 vehicles per day

Speed Limit

55 mph

Number of Lanes

2 lanes, undivided

Comparison: Before and After

	Before	After
SR 9 & 84th St NE	*	
SR 9 & 108th St NE	STOP	
SR 9 & SR 531/172nd St NE	***	Roundabout
Number of Lanes	1	1

Crash data was reviewed for the years before the roundabout opened and the same number of years after the roundabout was opened, excluding the opening year. There were no reported fatalities, bicycle or pedestrian crashes at these intersections for the years analyzed.

		Percent severe injury crashes versus all crashes	
Intersection	Construction Year	Before	After
SR 9 & 84th St NE	2014	51%	31%
SR 9 & 108th St NE	2020	50%	18%
SR 9 & 172nd St NE	2012	38%	25%

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Additional Information

- ▶ When a two-way stop-controlled intersection is converted into a roundabout intersection, fatal crashes can be reduced by as much as 82%.
- ▶ When a signalized intersection is converted into a roundabout intersection, fatal crashes can be reduced by up to 78%.
- ► As the data shows, crashes are less severe, in line with Washington's Target Zero goal to eliminate serious injury and fatality crashes.

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