Multi-lane Roundabouts

by Tara White, Bend

The city's plan for multi-lane roundabouts on Reed Market Road should make for some interesting traffic accidents. Nobody signals their intent to exit out of our existing single-lane roundabouts – and yes, you ARE supposed to signal your intent to leave the roundabout. Some people get up a pretty good speed going around them, and I find myself sitting there with feet poised over both the brake and the gas at the same time, trying to gauge whether the driver is going to turn off or barrel on by.

Add another lane or two to these circular intersections, and there will be fender benders galore.

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