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Roundabouts. They are part of our landscape, like it or not. I understand the reason is for better traffic flow, and I am a bit impatient waiting for the light to turn green at intersections, especially when they last longer than I think they should, so I am in favor of roundabouts where they make sense.

I know how to navigate a roundabout, as most people do, especially in the Greater Binghamton area, where we have four roundabouts, but I do have a bit of hesitation when entering one, since I'm never sure if other motorists entering the same roundabout at different entry points understand the rules.

Roundabout We Go In Oneonta

Well, maybe in time, humans will figure it out. And while we are on the subject, to those of you who live in, around, work, or visit the Oneonta area, congratulations on your first roundabout!

According to an [announcement](#) on January 7, 2025, Marie Dominquez, New York State's Department of Transportation Commissioner, major construction has been completed on the \$4 million roundabout project in downtown Oneonta.

Where Is The New Oneonta Roundabout?

If you have traveled through this former intersection of Route 23 (James F. Lettis Highway) and Route 7 (and Main Street), you know it was famous for frustrating

traffic congestion. That intersection has now been replaced by a roundabout, designed to keep traffic moving and for better safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

According to the DOT's announcement, the Oneonta roundabout design incorporates traffic-calming elements and upgraded ADA-compliant crossings to provide smoother, safer access for users of all abilities.

This project is a win for everyone who lives in or travels through the City of Oneonta, providing enhanced access to a downtown area known for its quaint shops and robust student population. Roundabouts are proven to reduce serious crashes, while keeping traffic moving and reducing delays. The Department of Transportation appreciates the public's patience throughout this project, and we are proud of the finished product, which will benefit local businesses while creating a new gateway that the entire community can be proud of. - **Marie Dominquez, New York State's Department of Transportation Commissioner**

Second Project Slated For Oneonta

The [DOT](#) notes that a second project is tentatively scheduled for this year's Oneonta construction season, upgrading sidewalks and enhancing the flow of traffic along Routes 23 and 28 near the southern end of the Lettis Highway.

So, Oneonta, enjoy your new roundabout, and if you have any questions about how these round things work, check out [the video below](#) from the New York State Department of Transportation.



Tioga County Industrial Development Agency awarded \$450,000 for “rail-with-trail” project planning

By [Madeline L. Adams](#)

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TIOGA COUNTY, N.Y. (WBNG) -- The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has been awarded \$450,000 from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Environmental Protection Agency.

The IDA plans to use the funds to develop plans for a potential “rail-with-trail” project.

Plans for the project would explore a trail design running alongside the Owego Hartford Railroad, and stretch from the Newark Valley Fire Station to George Smith Park in Berkshire.

County officials say the trail would be constructed safely alongside the active rail line in the county.

The grant will only fund the preliminary design and engineering plans, not the actual construction of the trail.
