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Roundabout now open

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An aerial view of the roundabout.

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DELAWARE — The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has completed construction of a peanutshaped roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and SR 656/ Wilson Road in Kingston Township, Delaware County. In addition to reducing crashes by 70 percent, this safety upgrade is expected to improve traffic flow at the intersection.

“Projects like this one are possible thanks to Governor Mike DeWine’s commitment to safety and backed by his investment of an additional \$50 million into our safety program each year,” said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks. “With the fourth largest road safety program in the country, ODOT has the funding to truly make a difference for Ohio drivers.”

Statewide, Governor DeWine tasked ODOT with addressing safety at 150 rural, suburban, and urban intersections, including this one.

“Roadway upgrades like this unique project in Delaware County are about saving lives while maintaining the critical infrastructure that fuels Ohio’s economy,” said Governor Mike DeWine. “Fewer crashes means better traffic flow, less hassle, and quicker transit times for Ohio drivers and businesses who rely on accessible roadways.”

While the peanut roundabout operates the same as a traditional circular roundabout, it’s shape is unique in order to minimize the roadway footprint and impacts to adjacent residential properties. Located in a rural setting, the design also includes a mountable concrete curb to accommodate larger vehicles like trucks or farm equipment in the roundabout.

This \$2 million safety project began in May 2021 and officially opened to traffic Monday, August 9, 2021.

Information for this story was provided by ODOT. Gazette staff drove on the roundabout Monday.