

Roundabouts in Fresno

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Today we (Emily Simone Senior Orientation and Mobility Specialist with Guide Dogs for the Blind and me) met with a number of blind pedestrians both local and from various other jurisdictions in California for the 75th Annual California Convention for the Blind



MaryBeth from the City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission successfully crossing the Roundabout with her dog after training from Emily and a better understanding of traffic patterns in and out of a roundabout.



They learned with a two phased crossing approach (with the pedestrian refuge) that they only had to listen for one direction of oncoming traffic and not both directions.



Emily Simone create a special texture paper roundabout simulation that the blind pedestrians could all feel with their hands to get a better understanding and visual image of roundabouts and how they work and are designed. They all liked the Z-crosswalk median feature in the City of Fresno Roundabouts.



Fresno State's Beautiful Roundabout at Chestnut and Barstow.