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To: Motor Carrier Industry

Subject: Roundabout Right-of-Way

The Montana Department of Transportation has learned of confusion with SB 433 and what it does for right-of-way at roundabouts for towing units. First, it's important to note SB 433 is in bill status and has not been signed into law. Should the bill pass in its current form, it's important to understand what this bill does and does not do. It does allow towing units to deviate from its lane to safely approach and pass around the island or roundabout. It also gives right-of-way over vehicles traveling the same direction and prohibits passing. This does not give towing units right-of-way to enter a roundabout over vehicles already within the roundabout. This is particularly important at multi-lane roundabouts.

Statutes regarding roundabout right-of-way can be found in 61-8-327.

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