

# New Six-Legged Round-a-Bout Opens



The new Bethel Avenue (Corridor 4) opened to vehicular traffic on Monday, August 30, the first day of the 2010 school year. The new Bethel Avenue is one of the corridors of the new six-legged roundabout that has been constructed as a component of the New Providence Road Improvement Project.

The Ministry of Public Works & Transport has further advanced its New Providence Road Improvement Project by opening a six-legged roundabout. The roundabout was opened to the public on Monday, 30 August, 2010, which was also the first day of the new school year. The new roundabout links John F. Kennedy Drive, Thompson Boulevard, Farrington Road, new Bethel Avenue South (Corridor 4), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Road and Bethel Avenue North (Corridor 5.) The corridor 5 is a new highway that leads directly from the roundabout northward to Saunders Beach.

Prior to the opening of the six-legged roundabout, posters instructing the public on its use were distributed by hand and published by the local media. A media tour was also conducted by the Ministry on Friday, 27 August, 2010. On the morning of the roundabout's opening, hundreds of motorists were assisted by officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force's Traffic Division and road work crews in navigating the roundabout.

Public reaction to the new roundabout has been mixed. In response, the Project Consultant, Mr. Khader Ali Khan has advised that monitoring of the traffic flow will continue during the ensuing weeks and adjustments will be made as necessary.



Officials of the Ministry of Public Works & Transport conducted a tour of the new six-legged roundabout on Friday, August 27 for the media. Pictured (centre): Collin Higgs, permanent secretary, Ministry of Works; and Ms. Charlene Collins-Harris, project engineer.