



Slow Streets

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Design Toolkit: Sanchez Next Generation Slow Street



Painted Safety Zones / Community Zones

Traffic Safety Impact: Painted safety zones help to increase the visibility of pedestrians at intersections and to encourage slower turning speeds.

Painted safety zones are painted areas of the road that wrap around sidewalk corners to make pedestrian crossing intersections more visible to people driving. Narrowing the intersection encourages slower vehicle travel speeds and decreases the crossing distance for pedestrians. On Slow Streets, these zones can be used for street murals and other community uses.

Implementation Considerations: May require parking removal.



Neighborhood Traffic Circle

Traffic Safety Impact: Traffic circles help to slow vehicle speeds at an intersection.

A traffic circle is a calming measure that improves safety at intersections. It's usually built of concrete, but other materials like safe-hit posts and paint can be used. The element in the middle of the intersection prevents drivers from traveling straight through and slows down vehicles as they navigate through the intersection, providing better cross-street visibility.

Implementation Considerations: Depending on materials used, this tool may require more maintenance and take longer to install; can be installed at intersections with or without stop signs.



Traffic Calming Islands with Landscaping

Traffic Safety Impact: Concrete islands provide a more durable barrier to discourage cut-through vehicle traffic.

Implementation Considerations: Concrete islands work best on streets where there is sufficient space to maintain vehicle access in the opposite direction. Street sweeping and drainage must be considered for concrete islands located close to the curb.

Concrete materials last longer, require less maintenance, and act as a more robust barrier for discouraging cut-through traffic than typical Slow Streets delineators, while allowing for bicycle and scooter access. Where possible, the islands could include space for community art and greening.

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Roadway Narrowing

Traffic Safety Impact: Roadway narrowing uses striping and/or vertical elements to visually and physically narrow the right of way to help reduce vehicle speeds.

Roadway narrowing can use multiple elements such as striping, bollards, and signage to discourage cut-through traffic and slow the speed of vehicles.

Implementation Considerations: May require the removal of parking spaces.

Similar to Painted Safety Zones/Community Zones, Roadway narrowing can provide roadway space for community art and greening.



Slow Street Wayfinding and Identification Signs

Traffic Safety Impact: Slow Street wayfinding signs indicate the location of a Slow Street for approaching motorists and people walking, biking, and rolling. Like Slow Street pavement markings, Slow Street identification signs reinforce the character of the street as a place where all users should be traveling at slow speeds.

Implementation Considerations: No major requirements.



On-Street Bike Parking

Traffic Safety Impact: Bike parking corrals provide parking for cyclists visiting the neighborhood and prioritize roadway space for active transportation uses. On-street bike parking can also narrow the roadway to calm traffic. This tool can be co-located with Painted Safety Zones/Community Zones or Roadway Narrowing along the Slow Street.

Implementation Considerations: May require parking removal.

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