

# Active Transportation Programs Design Guide

## **Session 3 – Linear Treatments for Pedestrians and Bicyclists**

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# Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian/Bicyclist Programs

- Aim to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- All roads
- All public agencies & Tribal governments are eligible
- Projects must:
  - Comply with funding requirements
  - No match is required

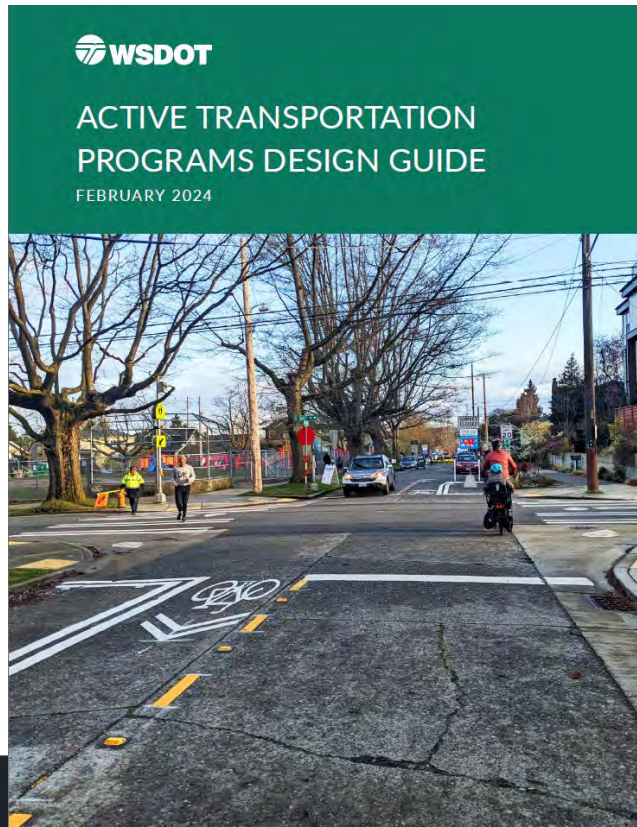


# Training on Applications

- Overview Webinar
  - March 11 (recording available)
- Design Guide Trainings
  - March 13
  - **March 20**
  - March 27
- Application Process Workshop
  - April 15
- For more information about the funding programs, visit:
  - [Safe Routes to School Program](#)
  - [Pedestrian & Bicycle Program](#)



# The Design Guide



# Guide Outline

1 <sup>st</sup> Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Part 1 – Guide overview<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction</li><li>– How to use this guide</li><li>– Additional guidance</li></ul></li><li>• Part 2 – Treatment toolbox<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Speed management treatments</li></ul></li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Crossing and intersection treatments</li><li>– Grade-separated treatments</li><li>– Illumination</li><li>– ADA improvements</li></ul>
Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Linear treatments designed for bicyclists</li><li>– Linear treatments designed for pedestrians</li><li>– Linear treatments designed for pedestrians and bicyclists</li></ul>

# Part 2 – Linear Treatments

- Projects will be evaluated based on Level of Traffic Stress for pedestrians and bicyclists
- All projects should aim to achieve LTS 1 or 2 for both pedestrians and bicyclists
- All projects should provide ADA accessible pedestrian routes with designated space for people walking or rolling

# Part 2 – Linear Treatments Designed for Bicyclists

- 52. Bicycle boulevard
- 53. Bike lanes
- 54. Buffered bike lane
- 55. Separated bike lane
- 56. Contraflow bike lane
- 57. Bike wayfinding signs and markings



Source: Carl Sundstrom, PedBike  
Images

# Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

Exhibit 1520-5 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress in mixed traffic (no bicycle facility) (New Exhibit 2023)

BLTS in mixed traffic (no bicycle facility)								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	2	3	4	4	4	4
	751 - 1500	1	2	3	4	4	4	4
	1501 - 3000	2	2	3	4	4	4	4
	> 3000	2	3	3	4	4	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0 - 6000	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
	> 6000	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Exhibit 1520-6 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress for Conventional Bike Lane (paint stripe only) (New Exhibit 2023)

Conventional Bike Lanes (5' or greater)								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0-750	1	2	2	4	4	4	4
	751-1500	1	2	2	4	4	4	4
	1501-3000	1	2	2	4	4	4	4
	3000+	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0-6000	2	2	3	4	4	4	4
	>6000	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	3	3	4	4	4	4	4

Exhibit 1520-7 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress for Buffered Bike Lane (painted buffer 2 foot wide or greater) (New Exhibit 2023)

Buffered Bike Lanes (minimum 2' buffer / greater than or equal to 7 feet total)								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0-750	1	1	2	3	4	4	4
	751-1500	1	1	2	3	4	4	4
	1501-3000	1	1	2	3	4	4	4
	3000+	2	2	2	3	4	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0-6000	2	2	2	3	4	4	4
	>6000	2	2	3	3	4	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	3	3	3	4	4	4	4

Exhibit 1520-8 Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress for Separated Bike Lane (including buffer 2 foot wide or greater) (New Exhibit 2023)

Separated Bicycle Lane								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0-750	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	751-1500	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	1501-3000	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	3000+	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2 thru lanes per direction	0-6000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	>6000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	2	2	2	2	2	2	2



# Linear Treatments for Bicyclists

- Reduce driver operating speeds
- Reduce bicyclist exposure
- Increase bicyclist conspicuity

	Roadway context		All ages & abilities bicycle facility
	Target driving speed	Target motor vehicle volume	
25 mph (or less)	up to 3,000	1 or less each direction	Bicycle boulevard, conventional bike lane, buffered bike lane, separated bike lane
	3,000 to 6,000	2 or less each direction	Conventional bike lane, buffered bike lane, separated bike lane
	>6,000	2 or more lanes each direction	Buffered bike lane, separated bike lane
	Any	Any	3 or more lanes each direction
1 or less each direction			Conventional bike lane, buffered bike lane, separated bike lane
30 mph	up to 6,000	2 lanes each direction	Buffered bike lane, separated bike lane
		>6,000	2 or more lanes each direction
	> 30 mph	Any	Any

# Part 2 – Linear Treatments Designed for Pedestrians

58. Sidewalk without buffer

59. Sidewalk with buffer

60. Separated walkway with linear  
stormwater treatment

61. Pedestrian-only streets



# Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress



Exhibit 1510-1 Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (PLTS) in mixed traffic (no marked bicycle lane, with or without shoulder) (New Exhibit 2023)

PLTS in mixed traffic (no pedestrian facility)								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	1	3	4	4	4	4
	751 - 1500	1	2	3	4	4	4	4
	1501 - 3000	2	2	3	4	4	4	4
	> 3000	2	3	3	4	4	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0 – 6000	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
	> 6000	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

# Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress

Exhibit 1510-2 Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (PLTS) based on Sidewalk Width (New Exhibit 2023)



Source: Dan Burden, PedBike Images

Greater than Minimum Sidewalk Present (6' or greater)								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	1	2	2	3	4	4
	751 - 1500	1	1	2	2	3	4	4
	1501 - 3000	1	1	2	2	3	4	4
	> 3000	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0 - 6000	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
	> 6000	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	2	2	2	3	3	4	4

Minimum Sidewalk Present (5')								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	1	2	4	4	4	4
	751 - 1500	1	1	2	4	4	4	4
	1501 - 3000	1	1	2	4	4	4	4
	> 3000	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0 - 6000	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
	> 6000	2	2	3	4	4	4	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	2	2	3	4	4	4	4



# Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress



Exhibit 1510-3 Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (PLTS) based on Buffer Type (New Exhibit 2023)

Sidewalk protected by robust physical barrier								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	751 - 1500	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	1501 - 3000	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
	> 3000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2 thru lanes per direction	0 - 6000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	> 6000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Wide sidewalk or sidewalk with buffer								
Lanes	AADT	Target Speed						
		≤20	25	30	35	40	45	50+
1 thru lane per direction (or 1 lane one-way street)	0 - 750	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
	751 - 1500	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
	1501 - 3000	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
	> 3000	2	2	2	2	3	3	4
2 thru lanes per direction	0 - 6000	2	2	2	2	3	3	4
	> 6000	2	2	2	2	3	3	4
3+ thru lanes per direction	Any ADT	2	2	2	2	3	3	4

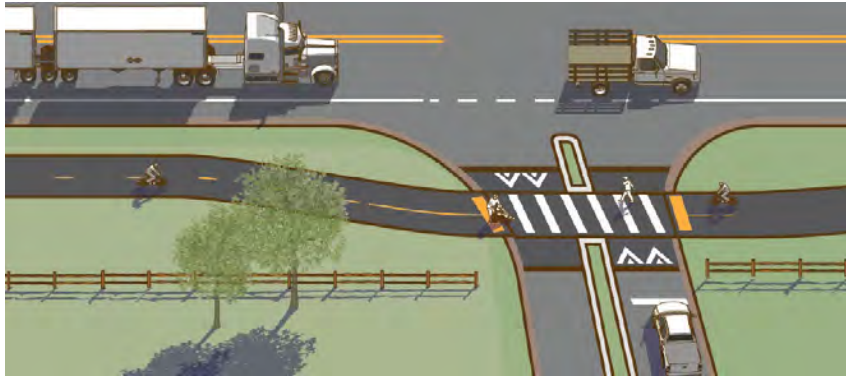
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62. Shared-use path

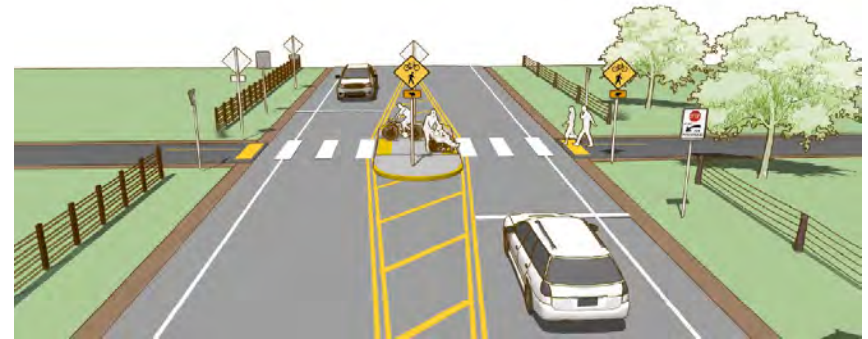
63. Sidepath



# Shared-use Paths vs. Sidepaths



Sidepath intersection treatments

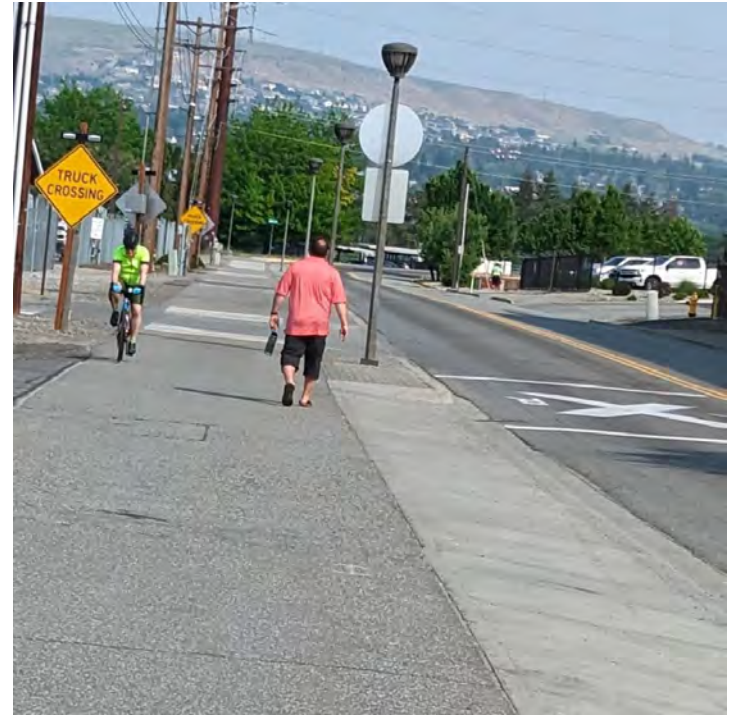


Shared-use path intersection treatments

Source: FHWA

# Shared-use Path Widths

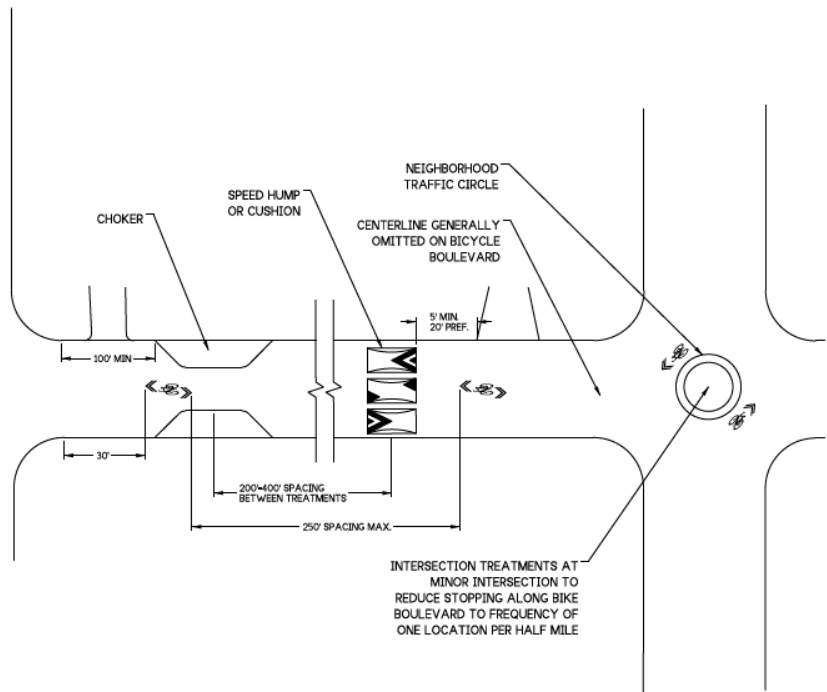
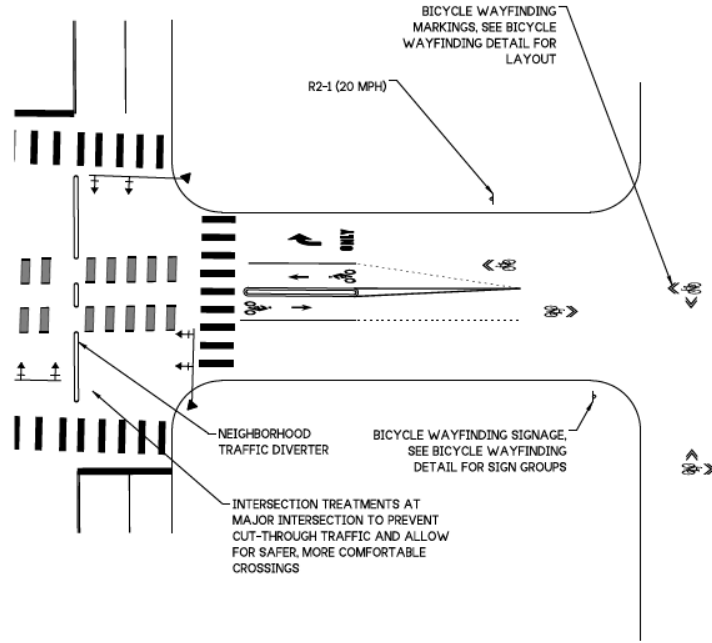
Shared Use Path Operating Widths	
Minimum (ft)	SUPLOS "C" Peak Hour Volumes at Preferable Width
11	150 - 300
12 - 15	300 - 500
16 - $\geq 20$	500 - $\geq 600$





# Plan Sheet Details





NOTES

1. TREATMENTS SHOWN ARE OPTIONAL. SELECT TREATMENTS TO ACHIEVE LOW OPERATING SPEEDS, LOW TRAFFIC VOLUME, PRIORITIZED TRAVEL FOR BICYCLISTS, WAYFINDING, AND INTERSECTION CROSSING TREATMENTS.

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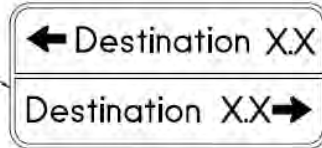


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ROUTE DESTINATION SIGN



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ROUTE DECISION SIGN



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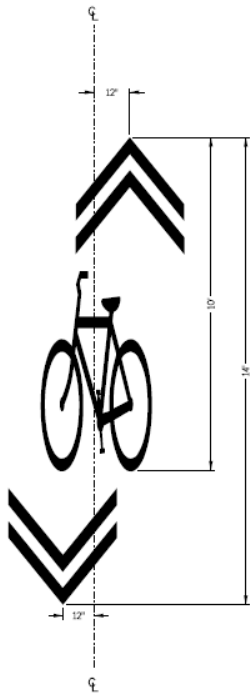
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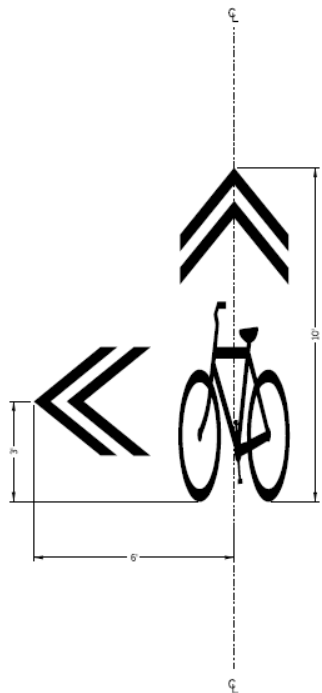


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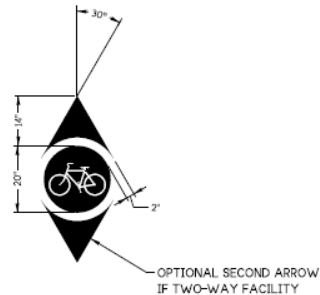
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BIDIRECTIONAL BIKE SHARROW



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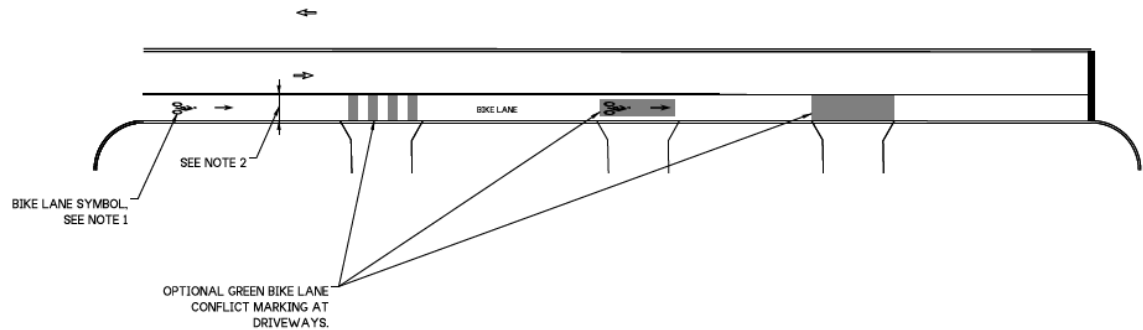
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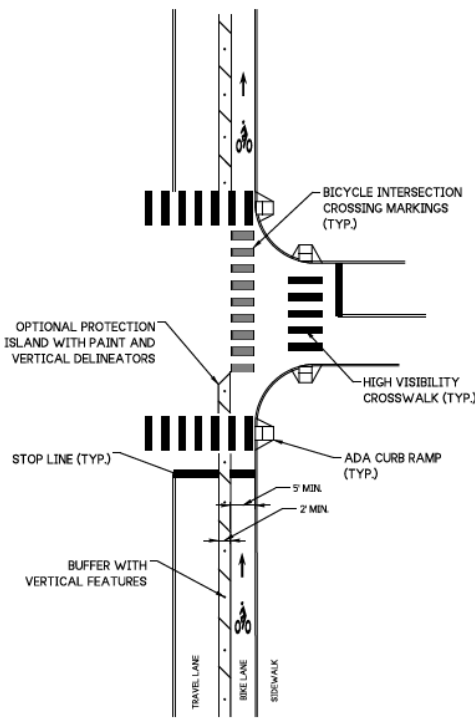
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1. PLACE BIKE LANE SYMBOL AT BEGINNING OF BLOCK, AFTER LARGE DRIVEWAYS, AND AT REGULAR SPACING (250' - 500') WITH INFREQUENT CROSS STREETS AND LONG BLOCK FACES.
2. BIKE LANE WIDTH MEASURED BETWEEN BIKE LANE LINE AND PARKING LINE, EDGE OF GUTTER PAN WHERE PRESENT, OR FACE OF CURB IN THE ABSENCE OF GUTTER PAN. 6' PREFERRED, 5' MINIMUM WIDTH.
3. CONSIDER ADDING A BUFFER OR PROTECTION WHEN BIKE LANE WIDTH EXTENDS BEYOND 7' TO DIFFERENTIATE WITH PARKING OR VEHICLE LANE.

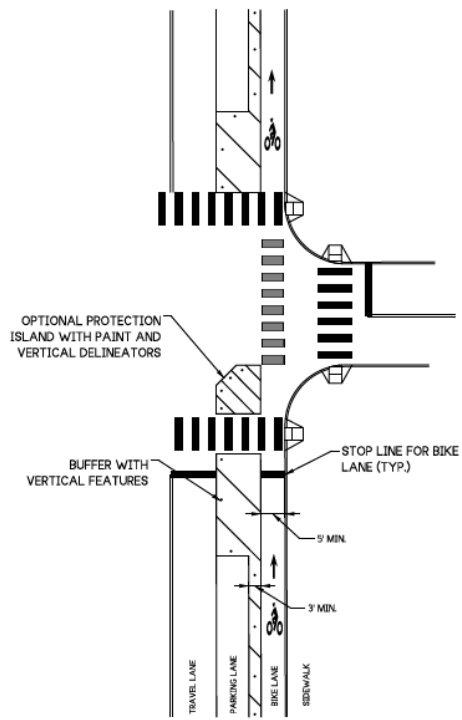
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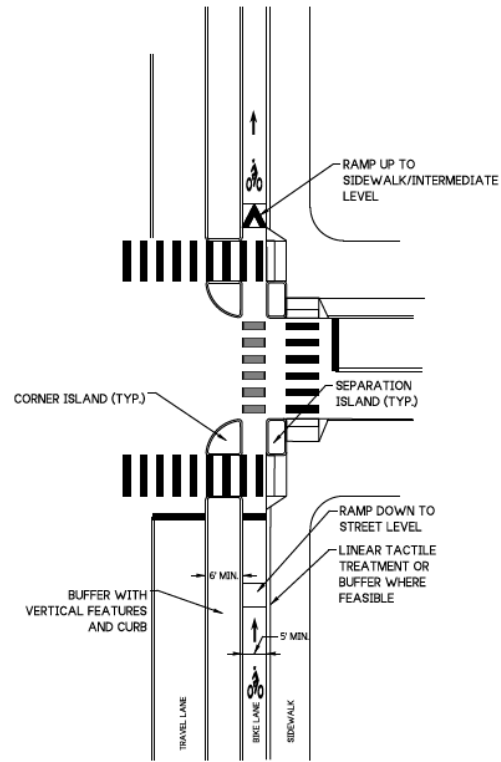
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**STREET LEVEL SEPARATED BIKE LANE WITHOUT PARKING**



**STREET LEVEL SEPARATED BIKE LANE WITH PARKING**



**SIDEWALK/INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SEPARATED BIKE LANE CONTINUED TO INTERSECTION**

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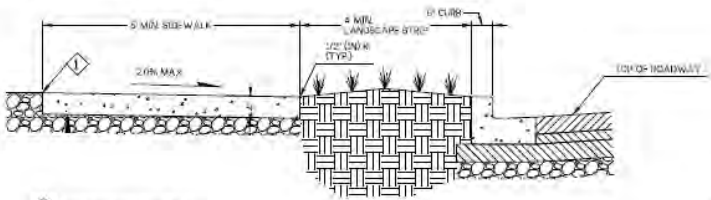
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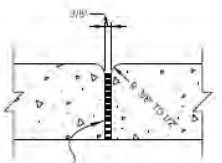
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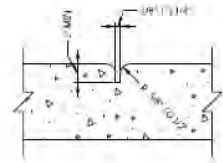
1. CRACKS, ACCESS COVERS, JUNCTION BOXES, CABLE VALVES, P.U.L. BOXES AND OTHER APURTANCES WITHIN THE SIDEWALK MUST HAVE SLIP RESISTANT SURFACES IF ALIGH WITH SURFACE AND MATCH GRADE OF THE SIDEWALK.



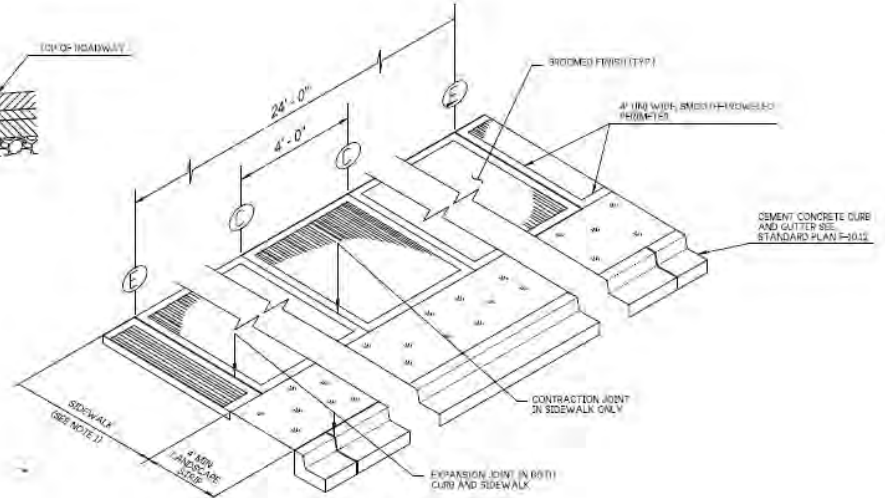
◆ FINISHED GRADE 1" (IN) BELOW TOP OF CONCRETE SURFACE



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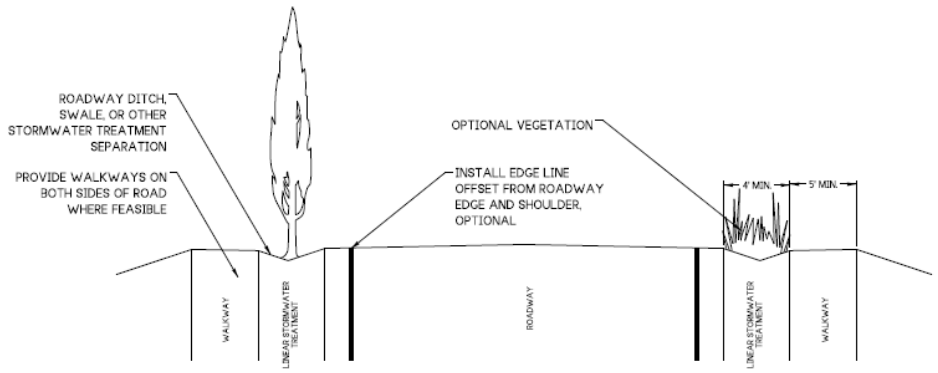
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59 - Sidewalk with Buffer

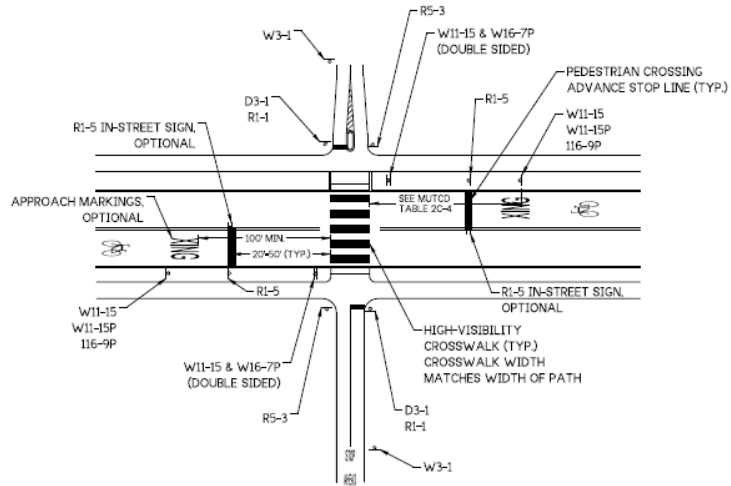
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- NOTES
- 1. BUFFER MAY INCLUDE A ROADWAY DITCH, BIOSWALE, RAIN GARDEN, OR OTHER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.
  - 2. PROVIDE CONTINUOUS VERTICAL DEPTH OR LANDSCAPING IN THE FORM OF CANOPY TREES, LOW SHRUBS, OR GROUND COVER IN THE BUFFER TO DETER DRIVERS FROM TRAVELING OR PARKING IN THE SEPARATION. MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT VISIBILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS AT DRIVEWAY CROSSINGS AND INTERSECTIONS.

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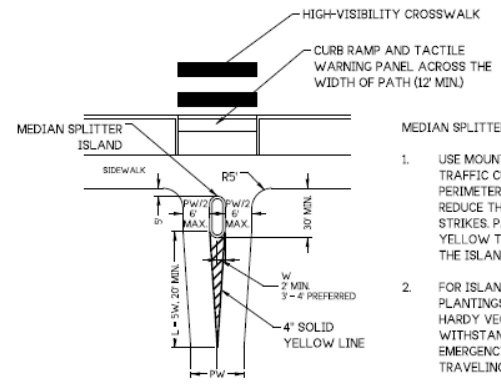




**MIDBLOCK CROSSING**

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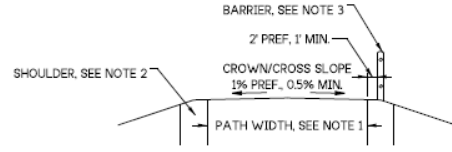
1. DETERMINE SHARED-USE PATH WIDTH BASED ON FHWA SHARED-USE PATH LEVEL OF SERVICE CALCULATOR OR THE SHARED-USE PATH OPERATING WIDTHS TABLE. MINIMUM 12' WIDTH.
2. RECOVERABLE GRADED SHOULDER OF 5' RECOMMENDED WIDTH (2' MINIMUM AT CONSTRAINED LOCATIONS) WITH MAXIMUM CROSS-SLOPE OF 1V:6H PROVIDED.
3. PROVIDE BARRIER ALONG PATH WHERE ADJACENT TO STEEP SLOPE OR HAZARDOUS CONDITION.
4. PROVIDE OVERHEAD CLEARANCE OF 10', 8' MINIMUM.
5. CONSULT THE AASHTO BIKE GUIDE FOR GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF SHARED USE PATHS INCLUDING VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENTS.
6. CONSIDER SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS ON HIGH VOLUME FACILITIES, SEE AASHTO BIKE GUIDE FOR DETAILS.
7. CROSSING CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH CROSSING ENHANCEMENTS (E.G. RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON, PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON, HALF SIGNAL, CROSSING ISLAND, RAISED CROSSING).
8. SEE SIDEPATH DETAIL FOR INFORMATION ON CROSSINGS NEAR INTERSECTIONS.



**MEDIAN SPLITTER ISLAND NOTES**

1. USE MOUNTABLE CEMENT CONCRETE TRAFFIC CURB AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE ISLAND TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR PEDAL STRIKES. PAINT PERIMETER CURBING YELLOW TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF THE ISLAND.
2. FOR ISLANDS THAT INCLUDE PLANTINGS, USE LOW GROWING, HARDY VEGETATION CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING THE OCCASIONAL EMERGENCY/MAINTENANCE VEHICLE TRAVELING OVER IT.

**TRAIL SPLITTER ISLAND FOR VEHICLE ACCESS PREVENTION**



**CROSS SECTION**

MINIMUM (FT)	SUPLOS "C" PEAK HOUR VOLUMES AT PREFERABLE WIDTH
11	150-300
12 - 15	300 - 500
16 - 20+	500 - 600+

**SHARED-USE PATH OPERATING WIDTHS**

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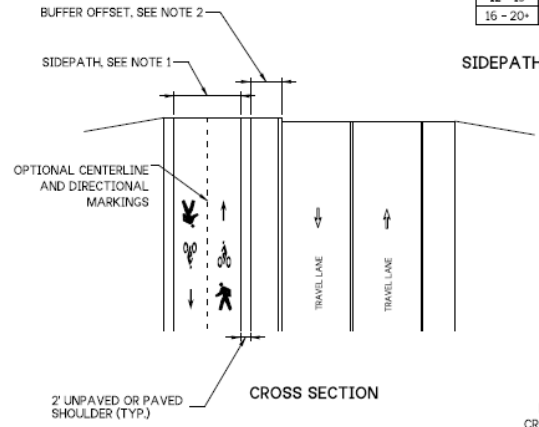
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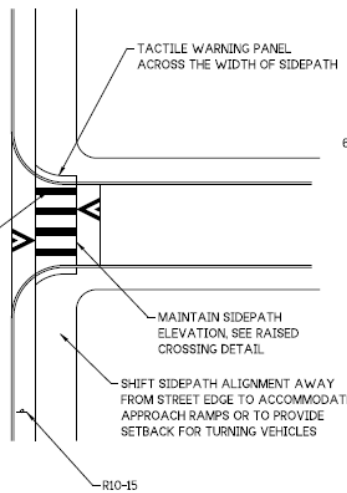


MINIMUM (FT)	SUPLOS °C° PEAK HOUR VOLUMES AT PREFERABLE WIDTH
11	150-300
12 - 15	300 - 500
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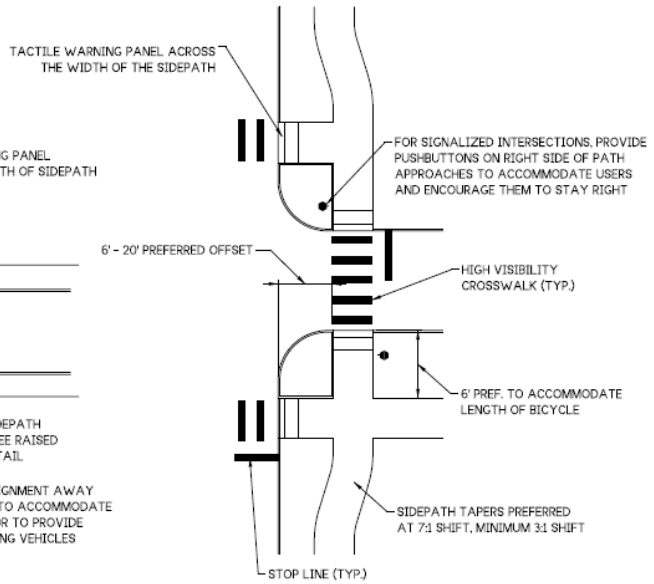


- NOTES
1. DETERMINE SIDE PATH WIDTH BASED ON FHWA SHARED-USE PATH LEVEL OF SERVICE CALCULATOR OR THE SIDE PATH OPERATING WIDTHS TABLE. MINIMUM 12' WIDTH.
  2. MAXIMIZE BUFFER WIDTH WHERE POSSIBLE AND CONSIDER VERTICAL BARRIERS AND CURB AND GUTTER TO PROVIDE SEPARATION FROM VEHICLE TRAFFIC. BUFFER WIDTHS DO NOT INCLUDE SIDE PATH SHOULDERS. BUFFER WIDTH MINIMUMS ARE BASED ON ADJACENT ROADWAY CHARACTERISTICS:
    - FOR OPERATING SPEEDS ≤ 30MPH, 3' MINIMUM
    - FOR OPERATING SPEEDS ≥ 35MPH, 5' MINIMUM OR VERTICAL CONCRETE BARRIER
  3. CONSIDER SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS ON HIGH VOLUME FACILITIES. SEE FHWA SHARED-USE PATH LEVEL OF SERVICE CALCULATOR.

**SIDE PATH OPERATING WIDTHS**



RAISED MINOR STREET OR DRIVEWAY CROSSING



MAJOR STREET CROSSING

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# Summary

- Programs aim to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Review design guide for selected treatments
- Aim to achieve LTS 2 with linear treatments for pedestrians and bicyclists
- All projects will need to meet ADA requirements
- Plan sheet details can support project development and implementation

# Future Training Sessions

- Session 1 – March 13
- Session 2 – March 20
- Session 3 – Today
- All are virtual and will be recorded and posted to the [LTAP website](#) and the [Call for Projects webpages](#)

# Questions, Additional Training, and Project Photos



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