

Pedestrian Environment: Crossing Area

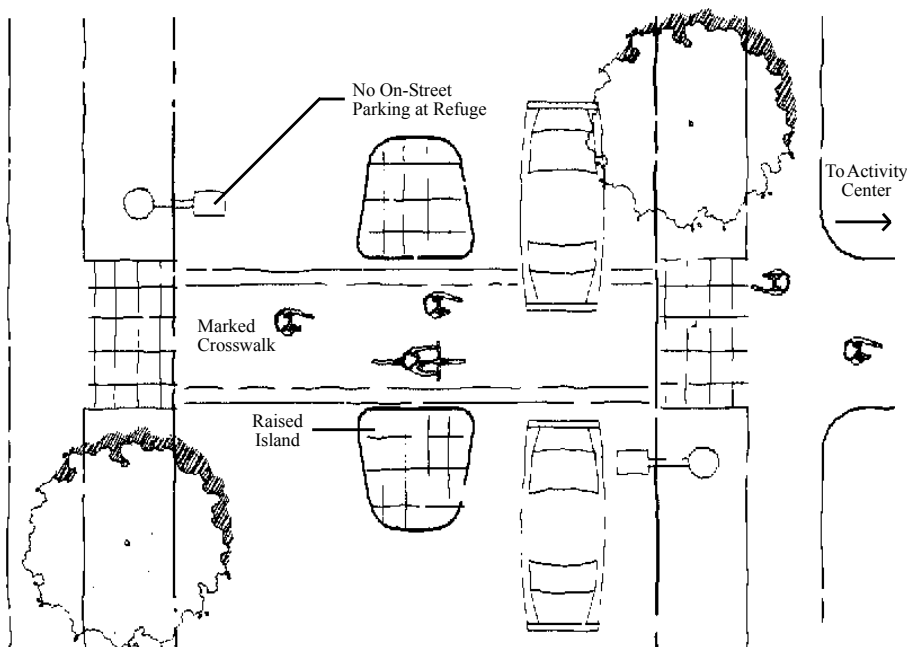
TOOL 11 – Links for Activity Centers

Design Issues

Even on lower volume streets small, raised refuge islands at mid-block can channelize multiple pedestrian crossings into a single point, increasing predictability and awareness for motorists. As with medians, pedestrians need only be concerned with one direction of traffic at a time. Small islands generally do not allow for landscaping, however the concrete can be colored or textured to further delineate the pedestrian area from the vehicle areas. This is a valuable tool when linking civic, retail and educational activity centers split by a street.

Guideline

Mid-block crossing on low volume street.



NTM Considerations

- Refuge islands should be wide enough to accommodate bicycles and wheelchairs with attendants.
- May require removal of on-street parking near the crossing.
- Useful crossing tool in school zone.