

Pedestrian Environment: Crossing Area

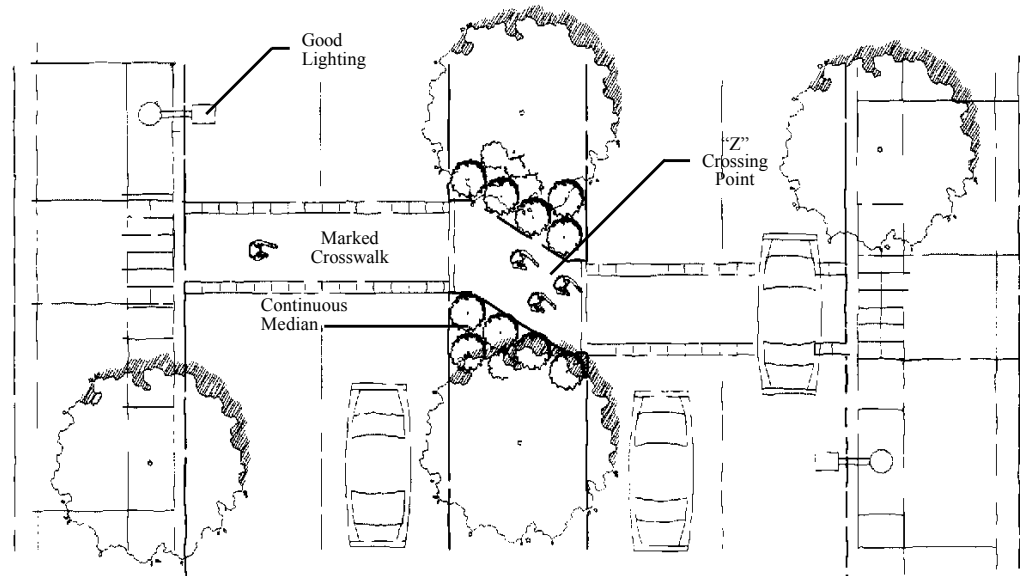
TOOL 12 – Mid-Block Crossing for Arterial Streets

Design Issues

Where distances between intersections are great, a designated mid-block crossing with refuge median can provide convenience and safety for pedestrians. It breaks up a busy two-way street into separate one-way streets to be crossed as gaps in traffic appear. A continuous median offers added protection from vehicle turning movements (access management), the benefits of traffic calming, and opportunities for more landscaping.

Guideline

Mid-block “Z” Crossing.



NTM Considerations

- Useful in areas of high pedestrian activity and high vehicle volumes.
- Crossing should be located in good lighting and clear field of vision.
- More effective where on-street parking allows construction of curb extensions.
- See Summary Table 5.2 for additional measures to improve pedestrian crossing.