

Pedestrian Environment: Connectivity

TOOL 15 - Walkway Connectivity

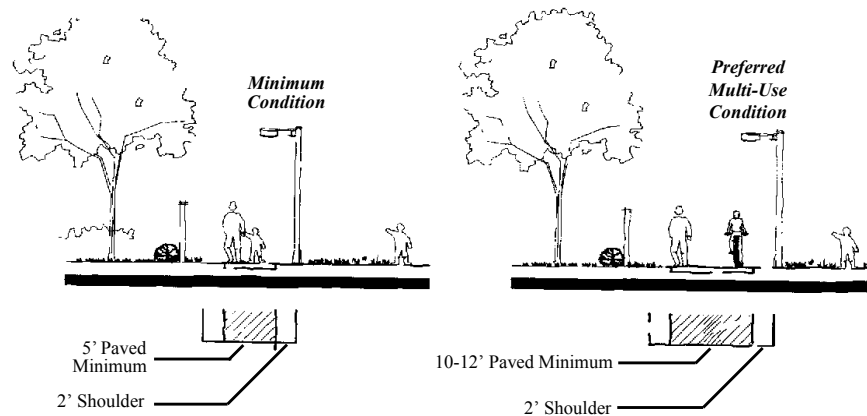
Design Issues

For pedestrians, connectivity within a neighborhood is primarily accomplished along the street sidewalk system. There may be locations where the street system is discontinuous but a direct pedestrian route is desirable. A separate, paved pathway connection should be provided that meets the minimum pedestrian zone standards and provides a shoulder area for areas such as through cul-de-sacs or between long blocks. Pedestrian-scale lighting should be added if the destinations are likely to have nighttime activity.

In higher density neighborhoods or urban cores, mid-block pathways or alleys can be developed as a system of “passageways” with high quality urban design characteristics such as covered gallerias, shop fronts, tree lined pathways and special pavement treatments.

Guideline

Paved walkway to mitigate poor street connectivity.



NTM Considerations

- Pedestrian connections from closed local streets such as cul-de-sacs.
- Urban system of pedestrian walkways to supplement the street system.
- Maintain high levels of pedestrian safety and appeal, especially at night.