

Pedestrian Environment: Place Making

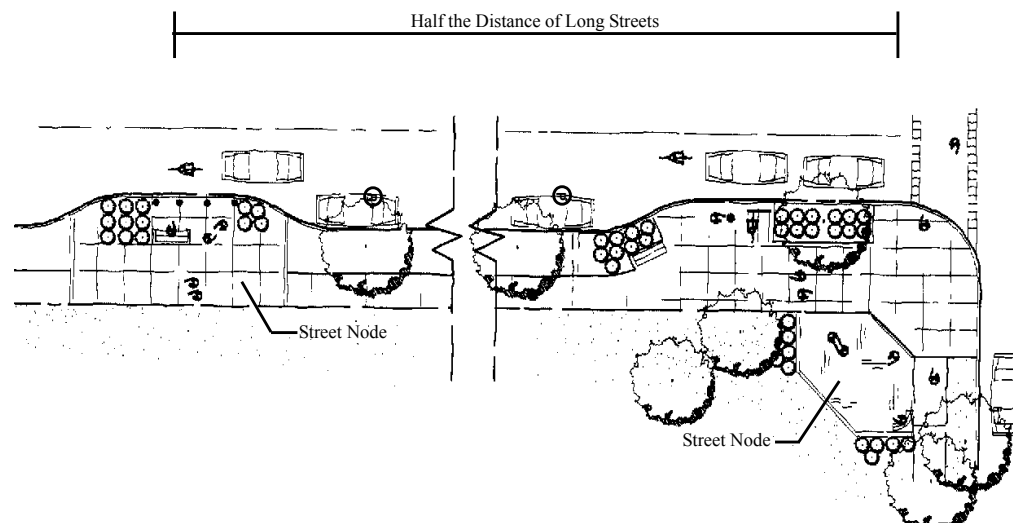
TOOL 19 – Mid-Block Nodes for Long Streets

Neighborhood Issues

Long neighborhood streets with widely spaced intersections (more than 400 feet) encourage higher vehicle speeds. Introducing mid-block curb extensions can reduce the perceived linear scale of the street. When the curb extensions are combined with small-scale play or plaza areas a node is created that is complementary to the inherent nodal qualities of street intersections. The long street is now perceived as smaller streets or blocks between nodes. Strategic construction of “good places” within the streetscape may also encourage longer walking trips.

Guideline

Curb extension and public space added at mid-block.



NTM Considerations

- Suburban neighborhoods lacking a compact street grid of short blocks.
- Mid-block nodes to emphasize existing public land uses or open spaces within the neighborhood.