



Chokers

Definition

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Objective

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Advantage

Reduce speeds.

Provide a good location for a mid-block crossing (when such a crossing is needed).

Will not generally cause delays or difficulties for emergency response and other large vehicles.

Provide opportunity for aesthetic enhancements (landscaping, signage, furnishings, etc.)

Challenge

Effect on vehicle speeds may be limited due to the absence of any vertical or horizontal deflection.

May require the elimination of some on-street parking.

May require additional effort or measures for effective snow removal.

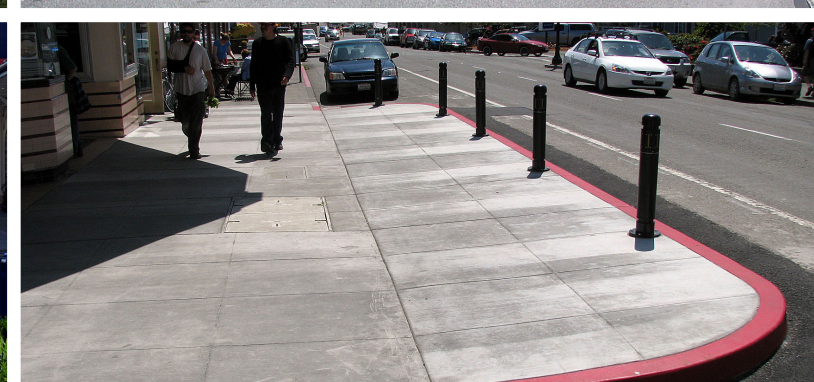
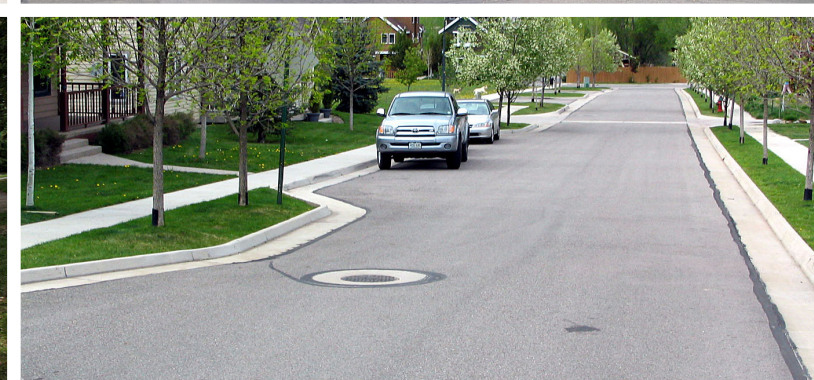
Resources

ITE Traffic Calming Measures — Choker
<http://www.ite.org/traffic/choker.asp>.

PedSafe—Chokers http://www.pedbikesafe.org/PEDSAFE/countermeasures_detail.cfm?CM_NUM=32.

Fehr & Peers Trafficcalming.org—Chokers
<http://trafficcalming.org/measures/chokers/>.

Safe Routes to School Online Guide:
 Slowing Down Traffic — Chokers and Chicanes
http://guide.saferoutesinfo.org/engineering/chokers_and_chicanes.cfm.



Images (clockwise from main image):

Example of a choker/traffic calming, Boulder, Colorado.
 Source: Dan Burden.

Additional examples:

Sources: Dan Burden, pedbikeimages.org; Dan Burden, pedbikeimages.org;
 Dan Burden; Dan Burden, pedbikeimages.org; Dan Burden; City of Charlotte.