

BENEFITS:

- Reduces the width of roadway that pedestrians must cross at one time
- Reduces pedestrian crashes at multi-lane sites
- Medians and channelization islands reduce the rate of motor vehicle crashes and have particular benefits for older drivers

SUITABLE LOCATIONS:

- Particularly beneficial on multi-lane roadways
- Suitable at both controlled and uncontrolled locations
- Suitable at both intersection and midblock locations

DESIGN OF CROSSING ISLANDS:

- Raised medians require at-grade cut throughs or curb ramps to provide an accessible pedestrian path
- Should be aligned directly with marked crosswalks
- Raised approach noses should be included at intersection crossing islands that are not continuous
- Should meet the luminance contrast levels needed to improve detection by older drivers, per the recommendations in FHWA's Highway Design Handbook for Older Drivers and Pedestrians (2001)
- If median is landscaped, the vegetation must not obstruct necessary clear sight triangles
- Must meet current accessibility standards

Figure 8.6
Crossing Island at Intersection

ATTACHMENT 2





