

MEDIAN REFUGE

MEDIAN REFUGES or “islands” are protected areas across a roadway or in an intersection that allow pedestrians and/or bicyclists to cross a roadway in stages, reducing exposure, increasing visibility and improving overall safety.



Lower Speeds



Improved Crossings



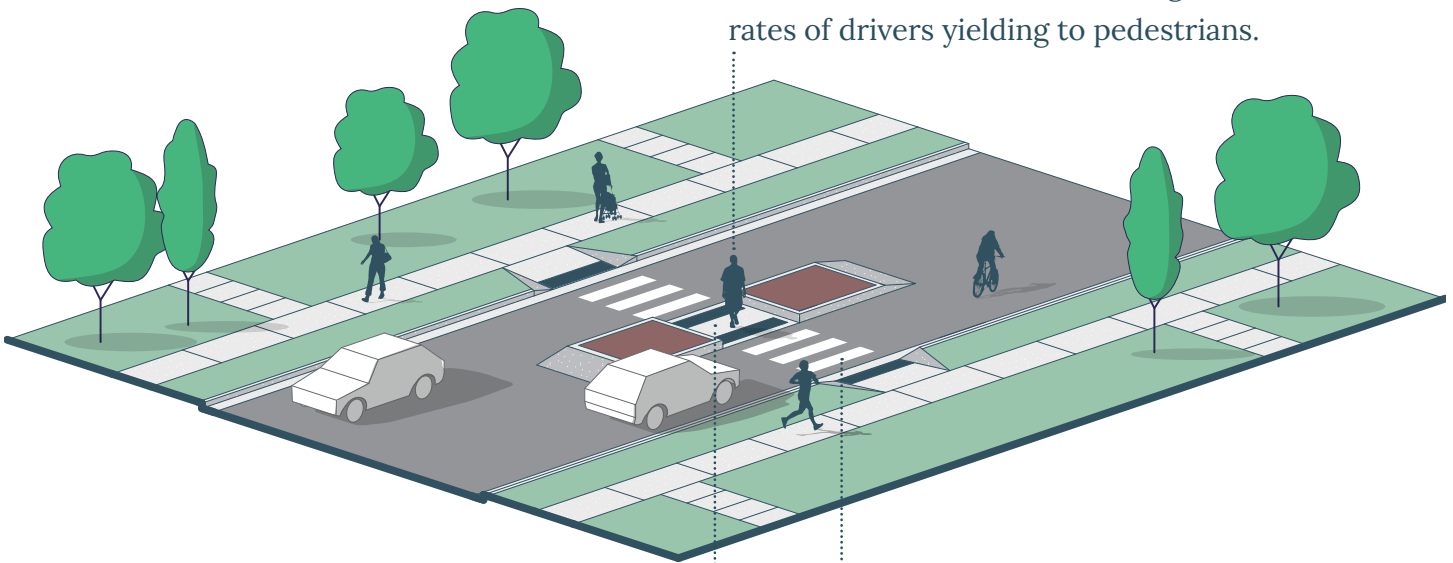
Better Visibility



Increases Yielding Behavior

IMPROVED VISIBILITY

Pedestrians waiting to cross the street are more visible to drivers, clarifying their intent to cross. This results in higher rates of drivers yielding to pedestrians.



REDUCED EXPOSURE

The median refuge island reduces the amount of distance that pedestrians and bicyclists are exposed to conflicting traffic and allows them to cross one direction of traffic at a time.

MARKINGS

Crosswalks and bike crossing markings are recommended



Volume barrier only, Portland, OR



Median Refuge in Minneapolis, MN



Median Refuge with left turn permeability