

## LANE NARROWING

**Definition:** Street physically narrowed to expand sidewalks and landscaped areas; possibly adding medians, on street parking, etc. (Similar to Neckdowns but used at mid-block)



ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor inconvenience to drivers.</li> <li>• Minimal inconveniences to local traffic.</li> <li>• Good for pedestrians due to shorter crossing distance.</li> <li>• Provides space for landscaping.</li> <li>• Slows traffic without seriously affecting emergency response times.</li> <li>• Single lane narrowing reduces vehicle speed and through traffic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double lane narrowing not very effective at reducing speeds or diverting through traffic.</li> <li>• Only partially effective as a visual obstruction.</li> <li>• Unfriendly to cyclists unless designed to accommodate them.</li> <li>• Conflict between opposing drivers arriving simultaneously could create problems.</li> </ul>

### EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

SAFETY	←-----→	POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT
SPEED REDUCTION	←-----→	YES
TRAFFIC REDUCTION	←-----→	POSSIBLE
FUEL CONSUMPTION	←-----→	SMALL INCREASE
POLLUTION	←-----→	SMALL INCREASE
COST EFFECTIVENESS	←-----→	MEDIUM TO HIGH
EMERGENCY SERVICES	←-----→	NO EFFECT