

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 street in stages, reducing exposure, increasing visibility, and improving overall safety.



Lower
Speeds



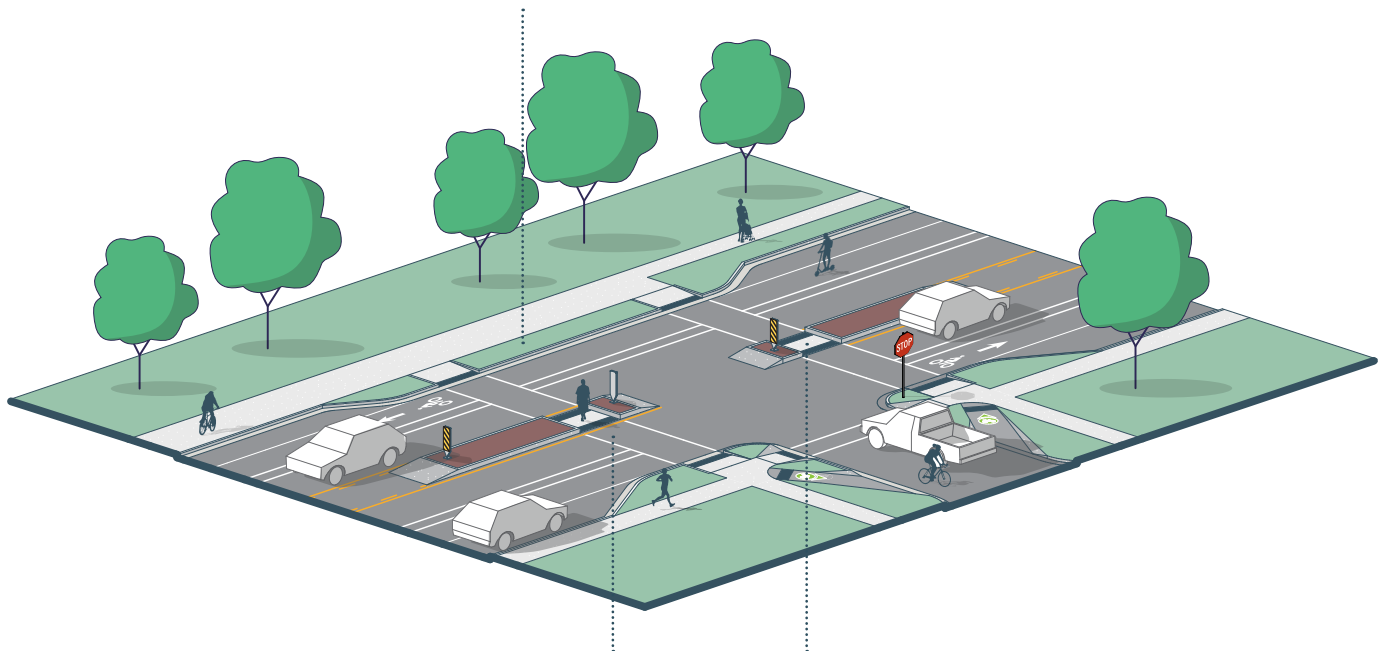
Improved
Crossings



Better
Visibility

COMBINE WITH CURB EXTENSIONS

Curb extensions can be paired with median refuges for additional benefits (see treatment)



MARKINGS

Crosswalk markings are required where a median refuge is installed

SIMPLIFIES CROSSING

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



Median in Salt Lake City (1000 N 1300 W)



Median refuge with crosswalks in Wichita, KS



Full median refuge with closure in Minneapolis (17th Ave & 42nd St)