

## Typical Use

- Pinch points are typically used on roadways with existing parking.
- Pinch points can be used to facilitate a pedestrian mid-block crossing.
- Pinch points can be used on roadways with any common urban speed limit.

## Design Features

- Road diets can be constructed by simply using striping or physically narrowing the roadway by narrowing the curb to curb width.

## Further Considerations

### *Advantages*

- Reduces vehicle speeds.
- Reduces pedestrian crossing distance.
- Potential for planting strip and/or street trees on curb extension.

### *Disadvantages*

- Potential reduction in number of parking spaces.
- May force cyclists to share the lane with vehicles.
- Hydraulic impacts may need to be evaluated to ensure stormwater can flow around the curb extension.

## Materials & Maintenance

Signage and pavement markings shall be designed per local standards. Landscaping within the curb extension may require landscape maintenance.

# Pinch Point

A mid-block curb extension, also known as a pinch point or choker, can aid in slowing traffic speeds. Pinch points can also serve as a mid-block crossing for pedestrians.

