

Wadsworth Boulevard Alternative Elements - Medians

- Medians separate opposing traffic lanes and consolidate left turns.
- Medians can be painted or raised.



Painted



Raised

- A raised median can be hardscaped or landscaped.



Hardscape



Landscape

- Median widths can vary.
- Raised medians are recommended for arterials with:
 - Traffic volume of more than 18,000 vehicles per day and future volume projected at more than 24,000 vehicles per day
 - High turning volumes
 - High crash rates
 - Large number of driveways
 - Large number of pedestrian crossings
- Advantages of raised medians:
 - Reduced crash rates and points of conflict
 - Improved traffic flow
 - Pedestrian refuge at crossings
 - Landscaping opportunities provide aesthetic benefits

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