

## CHAPTER 19

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#### A INTRODUCTION

Florida is a national leader in planning, design and construction of Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) communities and in the renovation of downtown neighborhoods and business districts. These represent patterns of development aligned with the state's growth management, smart growth and sprawl containment goals. This approach, with its greater focus on pedestrian, bicycle and transit mobility, is distinct from Conventional Suburban Development (CSD), that are comprised largely of subdivision and commercial strip development. TND communities rely on a strong integration of land use and transportation. A TND has clearly defined characteristics and design features necessary to achieve the goals for compact and livable development patterns reinforced by a context-sensitive transportation network. The treatment of land use, development patterns, and transportation network necessary for successful TND communities is a major departure from those same elements currently utilized in other Greenbook chapters, which generally apply to CSD communities

To provide a design that accomplishes the goals set out in this chapter, designers will be guided by the context of the built environment established or desired for a portion of the communities, because TND communities rely on a stronger integration of land use and transportation than CSD communities. This chapter provides criteria that may be used for the design of streets within a TND that may be used when such features are desired, appropriate and feasible. This involves providing a balance between mobility and livability. This chapter may be used in planning and designing applicable new construction, urban infill, and redevelopment projects.

Section B of this chapter discusses the primary objectives of TND in more detail, to aid the designer in the selection of proper criteria. Section C sets forth specific design criteria for the transportation system within Traditional Neighborhood Developments.

Additionally, the following link provides a handbook containing essential information to provide designers guidance in the successful application of Chapter 19, Traditional Neighborhood Development:

[http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/FloridaGreenbook/TND\\_Handbook](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/FloridaGreenbook/TND_Handbook)

## 1      **B APPLICATION**

2      A project or community plan may be considered a TND when at least the first seven of  
3      the following principles are included. The design criteria in this chapter shall only be  
4      applicable within the area defined as TND.

5.      1. Has a compact, pedestrian-oriented scale that can be traversed in a five to  
6      ten-minute walk from center to edge.
7.      2. Is designed with low speed, low volume, interconnected streets with short  
8      block lengths between 150 to 500 feet, and cul-de-sacs only where no  
9      alternatives exist. Cul-de-sacs, if necessary, should have walkway and  
10     bicycle connections to other sidewalks and streets to provide connectivity  
11     within and to adjacent neighborhoods.
12.     3. Orients buildings at the back of sidewalk, or close to the street with off-street  
13     parking located to the side or back of buildings, as not to interfere with  
14     pedestrian activity.
15.     4. Has building designs that emphasize higher intensities, narrow street  
16     frontages, connectivity of sidewalks and paths, and transit stops to promote  
17     pedestrian activity and accessibility.
18.     5. Incorporates a continuous bike and pedestrian network with wider sidewalks  
19     in commercial, civic, and core areas, but at a minimum has sidewalks of at  
20     least five feet wide on both sides of the street. Accommodates pedestrians  
21     with short street crossings, which may include mid-block crossings, bulb-outs,  
22     raised crosswalks, specialty pavers, or pavement markings.
23.     6. Uses on-street parking adjacent to the sidewalk to calm traffic, and offers  
24     diverse parking options, but planned so that it does not obstruct access to  
25     transit stops.
26.     7. Varies residential densities, lot sizes, and housing types, while maintaining an  
27     average net density of at least eight dwelling units per acre, and higher  
28     density in the center.
29.     8. Integrates in the plan at least ten percent of the developed area for  
30     nonresidential and civic uses, as well as open spaces.
31.     9. Has only the minimum rights of way necessary for the street, median, planting  
32     strips, sidewalks, utilities, and maintenance that are appropriate to the  
33     adjacent land uses and building types.
34.     10. Locates arterial highways, major collector roads, and other high-volume  
35     corridors at the edge of the TND and not through the TND.

## 1      **C      PLANNING CRITERIA**

2      Planning for TND communities occurs at several levels, including the region, the city/town, the community, the block, and, finally, the street and building. Planning should be holistic, looking carefully at the relationship between land use, buildings, and transportation in an integrated fashion. This approach, and the use of form based codes, can create development patterns that balance pedestrian, transit, and bicycling with motor vehicle modes of transportation

### 8      **C.1    LAND USE**

9      In addition to its importance in calculating trip generation, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) recognizes land use as fundamental to establishing context, design criteria, cross-section elements, and right of way allocation. The pedestrian travel that is generated by the land uses is also important to the design process for various facilities.

14     A well-integrated, or “fine grained”, land use mix within buildings and blocks is essential. These buildings and blocks aggregate into neighborhoods which should be designed with a mix of uses to form a comprehensive planning unit that aggregates into larger villages, towns, and regions. Except at the regional scale, each of these scales requires land uses to be designed at a pedestrian scale and to be served by “complete streets” that safely and attractively accommodate many modes of travel.

21     The proposed land uses, residential densities, building size and placement, proposed parking (on-street and off-street) and circulation, the location and use of open space, and the development phasing are all considerations in facility design for TNDs. ITE recommends a high level of connectivity, short blocks that provide many choices of routes to destinations, and a fine-grained urban land use and lot pattern. Higher residential density and nonresidential intensity, as measured by floor area ratios of building area to site area, are required for well-designed TNDs.

### 29     **C.2    NETWORKS**

30     Urban network types are frequently characterized as either traditional or conventional. Traditional networks are typically characterized by a relatively non-hierarchical pattern of short blocks and straight streets with a high density of intersections that support all modes of travel in a balanced fashion.

**Figure 19-1 Traditional Network**



New York, NY



Savannah, GA

The typical conventional street network, in contrast, often includes a framework of widely-spaced arterial roads with limited connectivity provided by a system of large blocks, curving streets and a branching hierarchical pattern, often terminating in cul-de-sacs.

## Figure 19-2 Conventional Network



**Walnut Creek, CA**  
(Source: VHB)

1      Traditional and conventional networks differ in three easily measurable respects:  
2      (1) block size, (2) degree of connectivity and (3) degree of curvature. While the  
3      last does not significantly impact network performance, block size and  
4      connectivity create very different performance characteristics.

5      Advantages of traditional networks include:

- 6      1. Distribution of traffic over a network of streets, reducing the need to widen  
7      roads;
- 8      2. A highly interconnected network providing a choice of multiple routes of  
9      travel for all modes, including emergency services;
- 10     3. More direct routes between origin and destination points, which generate  
11    fewer vehicle miles of travel (VMT) than conventional suburban networks;
- 12     4. Smaller block sizes in a network that is highly supportive to pedestrian,  
13    bicycle, and transit modes of travel;
- 14     5. A block structure that provides greater flexibility for land use to evolve over  
15    time.

16     It is important in TND networks to have a highly interconnected network of streets  
17    with smaller block sizes than in conventional networks. There are several ways  
18    to ensure that these goals are achieved.

19     One method is based upon the physical dimensions used to layout streets and  
20    blocks. The following list identifies those parameters:

- 21     1. Limit block size to an average perimeter of approximately 1,320 feet.
- 22     2. Encourage an average intersection spacing for local streets of 300-400  
23    feet.
- 24     3. Limit maximum intersection spacing for local streets to approximately 600  
25    feet.
- 26     4. Limit maximum spacing between pedestrian/bicycle connections to  
27    approximately 300 feet (that is, it creates mid-block paths and pedestrian  
28    shortcuts).

## D OBJECTIVES

The basic objectives of a Traditional Neighborhood Development are:

1. Safety
2. Mobility of all users (vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit)
3. Compact and livable development patterns
4. Context-sensitive transportation network

TND features are based upon the consideration of the following concepts. These concepts are not intended as absolute criteria since certain concepts may conflict. The concepts should therefore be used for the layout of proper street systems.

1. A strong integration of land use and transportation.
2. Very supportive of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit modes.
3. Smaller block sizes to improve walkability, and to create a fine network of streets accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians, and providing a variety of routes for all users.
4. On-street parking is favored over surface parking lots.
5. Limited use of one way streets.
6. Speeds for motor vehicles are ideally kept in the range of 20-35 mph through the design of the street, curb extensions, use of on-street parking, the creation of enclosure through building and tree placement.
7. The street geometry (narrow streets and compact intersections), adjacent land use, and other elements within a TND must support a high level of transit, pedestrian and bicycle activity.
8. Provide access to emergency services, transit, waste management, and delivery trucks.
9. Provide access to property.

This approach to street design requires close attention to the operational needs of transit, fire and rescue, waste collection, and delivery trucks. For this reason, early coordination with transit, fire and rescue, waste collection, and other stakeholder groups is essential. For fire and rescue, determination of the importance of that corridor for community access should be determined, e.g. primary or secondary access.

More regular encroachment of turning vehicles into opposing lanes will occur at intersections. Therefore, frequency of transit service, traffic volumes, and the speeds at those intersections must be considered when designing intersections.

1 When designing features and streets for TND communities, creativity and careful  
2 attention to safety for pedestrians and bicyclists must be balanced with the operational  
3 needs for motor vehicles.

4 Finally, it is very important when designing in TND communities to ensure that a  
5 continuous network is created for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit throughout the  
6 community to create higher levels of mobility that are less dependent on automobile  
7 travel.

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## 1      E     DESIGN ELEMENTS

2      The criteria provided in this chapter shall require the approval of the maintaining  
3      authority's designated Professional Engineer representative with project oversight or  
4      general compliance responsibilities.

5      The criteria provided in this chapter are generally in agreement with AASHTO  
6      guidelines with a special emphasis on urban, low-speed environments. Design  
7      elements within TND projects not meeting the requirements of this chapter are subject  
8      to the requirements for Design Exceptions found in Chapter 14 of this manual.

### 9            E.1    Design Controls

#### 10          E.1.a    Design Speed

11         The application of design speed for TND communities is philosophically  
12         different than for conventional transportation and CSD communities.  
13         Traditionally, the approach for setting design speed was to use as high a  
14         design speed as practical.

15         In contrast to this approach, the goal for TND communities is to establish  
16         a design speed that creates a safer and more comfortable environment for  
17         pedestrians and bicyclists, and is appropriate for the surrounding context.

18         Design speeds of 20 to 35 mph are desirable for TND streets. Alleys and  
19         narrow roadways intended to function as shared spaces may have design  
20         speeds as low as 10 mph.

#### 21          E.1.b    Movement Types

22         Movement types are used to describe the expected driver experience on a  
23         given thoroughfare, and the design speed for pedestrian safety and  
24         mobility established for each of these movement types. They are also  
25         used to establish the components and criteria for design of streets in TND  
26         communities.

27         **Yield:** This type has a design speed of less than 20 mph. Drivers must  
28         proceed slowly with extreme care, and must yield to pass a parked car or  
29         approaching vehicle. This is the functional equivalent of traffic calming.  
30         This type should accommodate bicycle routes through the use of shared  
31         lanes.

1           **Slow:** This type has a design speed of 20-25 mph. Drivers can proceed  
2 carefully, with an occasional stop to allow a pedestrian to cross or another  
3 car to park. Drivers should feel uncomfortable exceeding design speed  
4 due to the presence of parked cars, enclosure, tight turn radii, and other  
5 design elements. This type should accommodate bicycle routes through  
6 the use of shared lanes.

7           **Low:** This type has a design speed of 30-35 mph. Drivers can expect to  
8 travel generally without delay at the design speed, and street design  
9 supports safe pedestrian movement at the higher design speed. This type  
10 is appropriate for thoroughfares designed to traverse longer distances, or  
11 that connect to higher intensity locations. This type should accommodate  
12 bicycle routes through the use of bike lanes.

13          Design speeds higher than 35 mph should not normally be used in TND  
14 communities due to the concerns for pedestrian and bicyclist safety and  
15 comfort. There may be locations where planned TND communities  
16 border, or are divided by, existing corridors with posted/design speeds  
17 higher than 35 mph. In those locations, coordination with the regulating  
18 agency should occur with a goal to re-design the corridor and reduce the  
19 speed to 35 mph or less. The increase in motorist travel time due to the  
20 speed reduction is usually insignificant because TND communities are  
21 generally compact.

22          When the speed reduction cannot be achieved, measures to improve  
23 pedestrian safety for those crossing the corridor should be evaluated and  
24 installed when appropriate.

### 25           **E.1.c      Design Vehicles**

26          There is a need to understand that street design with narrow streets and  
27 compact intersections requires designers to pay close attention to the  
28 operational needs of transit, fire and rescue, waste collection, and delivery  
29 trucks. For this reason, early coordination with transit, fire and rescue,  
30 waste collection, and other stakeholder groups is essential.

31          Regular encroachment of turning vehicles into opposing lanes will occur at  
32 intersections. Therefore, frequency of transit service, traffic volumes, and  
33 the speeds at those intersections must be considered when designing  
34 intersections. For fire and rescue, determination of the importance of that  
35 street for community access should be determined, e.g. primary or  
36 secondary access.

The designer should evaluate intersections using turning templates or turning movement analysis software to ensure that adequate operation of vehicles can occur. Treatment of on-street parking around intersections should be evaluated during this analysis to identify potential conflicts between turning vehicles and on-street parking.

## E.2 Sight Distance

See CHAPTER 3 GEOMETRIC DESIGN, C.3 Sight Distance

### E.2.a Stopping Sight Distance

See CHAPTER 3 GEOMETRIC DESIGN, C.3.a Stopping Sight Distance.

### E.2.b Passing Sight Distance

Due to the importance of low speeds and concerns with pedestrian comfort and safety, passing should be discouraged or prohibited.

### E.2.c Intersection Sight Distance

Sight distance should be calculated in accordance with CHAPTER 3, Section C.9.b, using the appropriate design speeds for the street being evaluated. When executing a crossing or turning maneuver after stopping at a stop sign, stop bar, or crosswalk, as required in Section 316.123, F.S., it is assumed that the vehicle will move slowly forward to obtain sight distance (without intruding into the crossing travel lane) stopping a second time as necessary.

Therefore, when curb extensions are used, or on-street parking is in place, the vehicle can be assumed to move forward on the second step movement, stopping just shy of the travel lane, increasing the driver's potential to see further than when stopped at the stop bar. The resulting increased sight distance provided by the two step movement allows parking to be located closer to the intersection.

The MUTCD requires that on-street parking not be located closer than 20 feet from crosswalks. The minimum stopping sight distance is 60 feet for low volume (< 400 ADT) streets. Even on slow speed, low volume urban streets, the combination of curb return, crosswalk width and 20-foot setback to the first parking space may not meet the minimum stopping distance. Justification for locating parking spaces 20 feet from crosswalks may be achieved based on community history with existing installations.

## 1      E.3 Horizontal Alignment

### 2      E.3.a     Minimum Centerline Radius

3      See CHAPTER 3 GEOMETRIC DESIGN, C.4 Horizontal Alignment and  
4      Table 3-3 Horizontal Curvature, Low-Speed Urban Streets

### 5      E.3.b     Minimum Curb Return Radius

6      Curb return radii should be kept small to keep intersections compact. The  
7      use of on-street parking and/or bike lanes increases the effective size of  
8      the curb radii, further improving the ability of design vehicles to negotiate  
9      turns without running over the curb return.

10     **Table 19-1 Curb Return Radii**

Movement Type	Design Speed	Curb Radius w/Parallel Parking*
Yield	Less than 20 mph	5-10 feet
Slow	20-25 mph	10-15 feet
Low	30-35 mph	15-20 feet

11     \* Dimensions with parking on each leg of the intersection. Both tangent sections  
12    adjacent to the curb return must provide for on-street parking or else curb radii  
13    must be evaluated using "design vehicle" and either software or turning  
14    templates.

## 15     E.4 Vertical Alignment

16     See CHAPTER 3 GEOMETRIC DESIGN, C.5 Vertical Alignment

## 17     E.5 Cross Section Elements

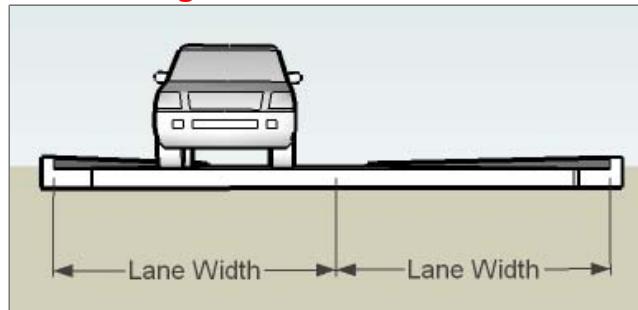
### 18     E.5.a     Introduction

19     As discussed earlier in this chapter, TND street design places importance  
20    on how the streets are treated since they are part of the public realm. The  
21    street portion of the public realm is shaped by the features and cross  
22    section elements used in creating the street. For this reason, the designer  
23    should pay more attention to what features are included, where they are  
24    placed, and how the cross section elements are assembled is necessary.

### E.5.b Lane Width

Travel lane widths should be provided based on the context and desired speed for the area where the street is located. Table 19-2 shows lane widths and associated appropriate speeds. It is important to note that in low speed urban environments, lane widths are typically measured to the curb face instead of the edge of the gutter pan. Consequently, when curb sections with gutter pans are used, the vehicle, bike, and parking lanes all include the width of the gutter pan. A typical measurement is shown below.

**Figure 19-3 Lane Width**



(Source: VHB)

In order for drivers to understand the appropriate driving speeds, lane widths should create some level of discomfort when driving too fast. The presence of on-street parking is important in achieving the speeds shown in Table 19-2. When designated bike lanes or multi-lane configurations are used, there is more room for vehicles such as buses to operate, however car drivers may feel more comfortable driving faster than desired.

Alleys and narrow roadways that act as shared spaces can have design speeds as low as 10 mph, as noted in CHAPTER 16 RESIDENTIAL STREET DESIGN.

**Table 19-2 Minimum Lane Width**

Movement Type	Design Speed	Travel Lane Width
Yield	Less than 20 mph	N/A
Slow	20-25 mph	9-10 feet
Low	30-35 mph	10-11 feet

\* Yield streets are typically residential two-way streets with parking on one or both sides. When the street is parked both sides, the remaining space between parked vehicles (10 feet minimum) is adequate for one vehicle to pass through. Minimum width for a yield street with parking on both sides should be 24 feet curb face to curb face. Minimum width for a yield street with parking on one side should be 20 feet curb face to curb face, allowing for two 10-foot lanes when the street is not parked.

Alleys can be designed as either one way or two way. Right of way width should be a minimum of 20 feet with no permanent structures located within the right of way that would interfere with vehicle access to garages or parking spaces, access for trash collection, and other operational needs. Pavement width should be a minimum of 12 feet. Coordination with local municipalities on operational requirements is essential to ensure that trash collection and fire protection services can be completed.

### E.5.c Medians

Medians used in low-speed urban thoroughfares provide for access management, turning traffic, safety, pedestrian refuge, landscaping, lighting, and utilities. These medians are usually raised with raised curb.

Landscaped medians can enhance the street or help create a gateway entrance into a community. Medians can be used to create tree canopies over travel lanes for multi-lane roadways contributing to a sense of enclosure.

Medians vary in width depending on available right of way and function. Because medians require a wider right of way, the designer must weigh the benefits of a median with the issues of pedestrian crossing distance, speed, context, and available roadside width.

**Table 19-3 Recommended Median Width**

<b>Median Type</b>	<b>Minimum Width</b>	<b>Recommended Width</b>
Median for access control	4 feet	6 feet
Median for pedestrian refuge	6 feet	8 feet
Median for trees and lighting	6 feet [1]	10 feet [2]
Median for single left turn lane	10 feet [3]	14 feet [4]

Table Notes:

- [1] Six feet measured curb face to curb face is generally considered the minimum width for the proper growth of small caliper trees (less than 4 inches),
- [2] Wider medians provide room for larger caliper trees and more extensive landscaping,
- [3] A ten foot lane provides for a turn lane without a concrete traffic separator,
- [4] Fourteen feet provides for a turn lane with a concrete traffic separator.

1           **E.5.d     Turn Lanes**

2           The need for turn lanes for vehicle mobility should be balanced with the  
3           need to manage vehicle speeds and the potential impact on the border  
4           width, such as sidewalk width. Turn lanes tend to allow through vehicles  
5           to maintain higher speeds through intersections, since turning vehicles  
6           can move over and slow in the turn lane..

7           Left turn lanes are considered to be acceptable in an urban environment  
8           since there are negative impacts to roadway capacity when left turns block  
9           the through movement of vehicles. The installation of a left turn lane can be  
10          beneficial when used to perform a road diet such as reducing a four lane  
11          section to three lanes with the center lane providing for turning movements.  
12          In urban places, no more than one left turn lane should be provided.

13          Right turns from through lanes do not block through movements, but do create  
14          a reduction in speed due to the slowing of turning vehicles. Right turn lanes are  
15          used to maintain speed through intersections and to reduce the potential for  
16          rear end crashes. However, the installation of right turn lanes increases the  
17          crossing distance for pedestrians and the speed of vehicles, therefore the use  
18          of exclusive right turn lanes are rarely used except at "T" intersections.

19           **E.5.e     Parking**

20          On-street parking is important in the urban environment, both for the  
21          success of those retail businesses that line the street, and to provide a  
22          buffer for the pedestrian and to help calm traffic speeds. When angle  
23          parking is proposed for on-street parking, designers should consider the  
24          use of back in angle parking in lieu of front in angle parking.

25           **Table 19-4   Parking Lane Width**

Movement Type	Design Speed	Parking Lane Width
Slow	20-25 mph	(Angle) 17-18 feet
Slow	20-25 mph	(Parallel) 7 feet
Low	30-35 mph	(Parallel) 7-8 feet

26           **E.6     Cul-de-sacs and Turnarounds**

27          Cul-de-sacs should only be used where no other alternatives exist. Cul-de-sacs,  
28          if necessary should have walkway or bicycle connections to other sidewalks and  
29          streets to provide connectivity within and to adjacent neighborhoods.

### E.6.a Turning Area

A residential street open at one end only should have a special turning area at the closed end. A residential street more than 100 feet long and open at one end only shall have a special turning area at the closed end. This turning area should be circular and have a radius appropriate to the types of vehicle expected. The minimum outside radius of a cul-de-sac shall be 30 feet. In constrained circumstances, other turning configurations such as a "hammerhead" may be considered.

## E.7 Pedestrian Considerations

In urban environments, the "border," the area between the face of a building or right of way line and the curb face, serves as the pedestrian realm because it is the place for which pedestrian activity is provided, including space to walk, socialize, places for street furniture, landscaping, and outdoor cafes. In an urban environment, the border consists of the furniture, walking and shy zones.

Figure 19-4 Border



(Source: VHB)

1           **E.7.a      Furniture Zone**

2           The furniture zone can be located adjacent to the building face, but more  
3           commonly is adjacent to the curb face. The furniture zone contains  
4           parking meters, lighting, tree planters, benches, trash receptacles,  
5           magazine and newspaper racks, and other street furniture. The furniture  
6           zone is provided separate from the walking/pedestrian and shy zones to  
7           keep the walking area clear for pedestrians, including proper access to  
8           transit stops.

1           **E.7.b     Walking/Pedestrian Zone**

2           Chapter 8 addresses considerations for pedestrians. In a properly  
3           designed urban environment, where buildings are at the back of sidewalk  
4           and vehicle speeds are low, the separation from traffic is normally  
5           provided by on-street parking which also helps to calm traffic. The width  
6           of the walking/pedestrian zone should be at least four feet and should be  
7           increased based on expected pedestrian activity.

8           **E.7.c     Shy Zone**

9           The shy zone is the area adjacent to buildings and fences that pedestrians  
10          generally “shy” away from. A minimum of one foot is provided as part of  
11          the sidewalk width. This space should not be included in the normal  
12          walking zone of the sidewalk.

13          **E.7.d     Mid-Block Crossings**

14          Properly designed TND communities will not normally require mid-block  
15          crossings due to the use of shorter block size. When mid-block crossings  
16          are necessary, the use of curb extensions or bulbouts should be  
17          considered to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians.

18          **E.7.e     Curb Extensions**

19          Curb extensions are helpful tools for reducing the crossing distance for  
20          pedestrians, providing a location for transit stops, managing the location of  
21          parking, providing unobstructed access to fire and rescue, and increasing  
22          space for landscaping and street furniture.

1           Designers should coordinate with public works staff to ensure that street  
2           cleaning can be achieved with their equipment, and provide adequate  
3           drainage to avoid ponding at curb extensions.

4           **E.8 Bicyclist Considerations**

5           **E.8.a      Bicycle Facilities**

6           Chapter 9 contains information on bicycle facilities. Much of that  
7           information is appropriate so the information contained in this section is  
8           directed to designing bike facilities in TND communities. Designing for  
9           bicycles on thoroughfares in TND communities should be as follows:  
10          Bicycles and vehicles should share lanes on thoroughfares with design  
11          speeds of twenty five mph or less. It is important to recognize that the  
12          addition of bike lanes does increase roadway widths and can increase the  
13          tendency for drivers to speed.

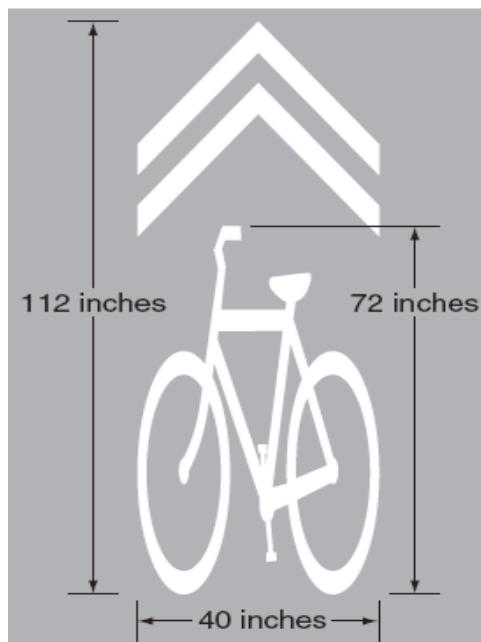
14          When bicycle lanes are used in TND communities, they should be a  
15          minimum of 5 feet wide and designated as bike lanes. On curb and gutter  
16          roadways, a minimum 4-foot width measured from the lip of the gutter is  
17          required. The gutter width should not be considered part of the rideable  
18          surface area, but this width provides useable clearance to the curb face.  
19          Drainage inlets, grates, and utility covers are potential problems for  
20          bicyclists. When a roadway is designed, all such grates and covers  
21          should be kept out of the bicyclists' expected path. If drainage inlets are  
22          located in the expected path of bicyclists, they should be flush with the  
23          pavement, well seated, and have bicycle compatible grates.

24          Where parking is present, the bike lane should be placed between the  
25          parking lane and the travel lane, and have a minimum width of 5 feet.  
26          Designers should consider increasing the bike lane to 6 feet in lieu of  
27          increasing parallel parking width from 7 to 8 feet. This helps encourage  
28          vehicles to park closer to the curb, and provides more room for door  
29          swing, potentially reducing conflict with bicyclists.

30          Shared-lane markings, or "sharrows," can be used instead of bike lanes  
31          adjacent to on-street parking. The sharrows allows the bicyclist to occupy  
32          the lane and therefore avoids placing bicyclists in the "door zone", does  
33          not require an increase in lane width, or ROW width for the thoroughfare,  
34          which also aids in speed management. Guidance for use of the sharrows  
35          is included in the 2009 MUTCD. Figure 19-5 contains a detail of a  
36          sharrow.

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**Figure 19-5 Sharrows**



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(Ref.: Figure 9C-9 MUTCD 2009 Edition)

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#### **E.8.b Shared Use Paths**

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Greenways, waterfront walks, and other civic spaces should include shared use paths, and provide for bicycle storage or parking. Bicycle storage or parking should also be included in areas near transit facilities to maximize connectivity between the modes.

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#### **E.9 Transit**

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See "Accessing Transit, Design Handbook for Florida Bus Passenger Facilities, 2008" for information: [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/transit/Pages/2008\\_Transit\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/transit/Pages/2008_Transit_Handbook.pdf)

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#### **E.10 Clear Zone**

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In urban areas, horizontal clearances based on clear zone requirements for rural highways are not practical because urban areas are characterized by lower speed, more dense abutting development, closer spaced intersections and accesses to property, higher traffic volumes, more bicyclists and pedestrians, and restricted right of way. The minimum horizontal clearance shall be 1.5 feet measured from the face of curb.

1      Streets with curb or curb and gutter in urban areas where right of way is  
2      restricted do not have roadsides of sufficient widths to provide clear zones;  
3      therefore, while there are specific horizontal clearance requirements for these  
4      streets, they are based on clearances for normal operation and not based on  
5      maintaining a clear roadside for errant vehicles. It should be noted that curb has  
6      essentially no redirection capability, therefore curb should not be considered  
7      effective in shielding a hazard.

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