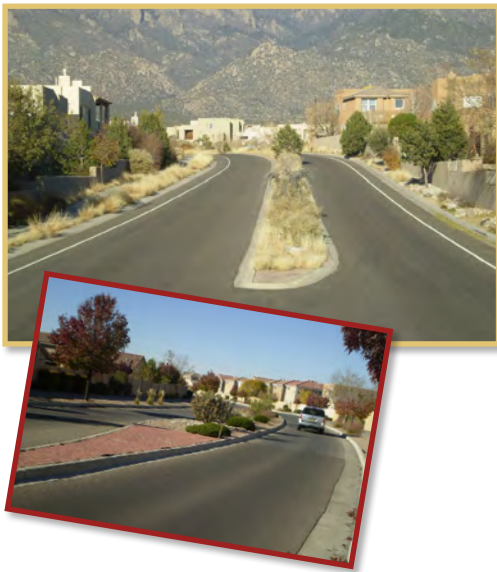# Roadside and Median Landscaping

DESCRIPTION:

Landscaping involves adding plants, trees, or other vegetation to the roadside and/or medians. Landscaping is used to break long vistas of pavement in order to narrow the appearance of a roadway and add mass to the appearance of median devices. Landscaping also improves the aesthetics of a neighborhood street.

APPLICATION:

Landscaping is best suited for wide, straight neighborhood roadways with unobstructed views and a history of speeding. Landscaping may be used in conjunction with other traffic calming devices, such as medians and detached sidewalks, or it may be added to the roadside as an isolated source for reducing speed.

Advantages

- May reduce vehicle speed
- May improve pedestrian safety
- Enhances neighborhood appearance
- Provides an opportunity to partner with citizens committed to maintaining landscaping

Disadvantages

- Requires regular maintenance
- May be difficult to establish and maintain certain plantings
- Increases water usage in a semi-arid climate

Effectiveness Scorecard

SPEED LIMIT 25	Speed	Fair
	Volume	N/A
	Cut-through	N/A
	Crashes	N/A
	Emergency Vehicle	N/A
	Pedestrian	Fair
	Bicycle	Fair
	Noise	N/A
$	Cost	$$$

Very Good Good Fair Poor N/A Not Applicable

Quick Glance

SPEED LIMIT 25