

### **Full Closures... (cul-de-sacs, dead ends)**

Full street closures are barriers placed across a street to completely close the street to through-traffic, usually leaving only sidewalks open. They are good for locations with extreme traffic volume problems and several other measures have been unsuccessful.

#### **Advantages:**

- Full Closures are able to maintain pedestrian and bicycle access
- They are very effective in reducing traffic volume

#### **Disadvantages:**

- They require legal procedures for street closures (in California - varies by state)
- They cause circuitous routes for local residents and emergency services
- They may be expensive
- They may limit access to businesses

#### **Effectiveness:**

- Average of 44% decrease in traffic volume, or a decrease of 671 vehicles per day (from a sample of 19 sites)

#### **Similar Measures:**

- By opening the street only for incoming traffic, you have a [Half Closure](#)
- By placing a barrier lengthwise along the center of a street past a side street, you have a [Median Barrier](#)
- By placing the barrier diagonally through an intersection, you have a [Diagonal Diverter](#)

#### **Cost Estimate(s):**

- \$120,000 (Seattle, WA)



**Berkeley, CA** - This closure features removable bollards to prevent unauthorized motor vehicles from crossing, while allowing bicycles to pass along the narrow opening in the center.



**Palo Alto, CA** - This closure uses two landscaped curb extensions and a single removable bollard to restrict motor vehicle access. The opening is wide enough to allow bicycle travel in both directions.



**Gainesville, FL** - This wide closure uses extensive landscaping to prevent any motor vehicles from passing. Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity is maintained by a short paved pathway.

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**Coral Gables , FL** - This gated closure maintains pedestrian access on the sidewalks while preventing any travel along the roadway itself except by authorized users.

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