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Objective
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Advantage
Reduce speeds.

Provide a good location for a mid-block crossing (when such a crossing is needed).

Will not generally cause delays or difficulties for emergency response and other large vehicles.

Provide opportunity for aesthetic enhancements (landscaping, signage, furnishings, etc.)

Challenge
Effect on vehicle speeds may be limited due to the absence of any vertical or horizontal deflection.

May require the elimination of some on-street parking.

May require additional effort or measures for effective snow removal.

Resources
ITE Traffic Calming Measures — Choker
http://www.ite.org/traffic/choker.asp.


Fehr & Peers Trafficcalming.org—Chokers
http://trafficcalming.org/measures/chokers/.

Safe Routes to School Online Guide:
Slowing Down Traffic — Chokers and Chicanes

Images (clockwise from main image):
Additional examples:
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