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## RE: MAY 2007 REVISIONS TO SIGN POLICY & GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Enclosed with this cover letter is the English version of current revisions to the "Sign Policy and Guidelines for the State Highway System." We are no longer updating the metric version. If you wish to receive extra copies for future updates or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list entirely, please contact Carolee Will at (503) 986-6938.

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OR3-7a	3-34	EXCEPT BUS	New sheet. This is a new regulatory rider that may be used in locations where buses are exempt from the posted regulation.
OR20-2	Delete 3-148	TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR RIGHT LANE ONLY	Deleted. There is very limited, if any, use for this sign on our highway system.
OR20-2a	Delete 3-148a	TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR RIGHT LANE ONLY (overhead)	Deleted. There is very limited, if any, use for this sign on our highway system.
OR20-2b	Delete 3-148b	TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR LEFT LANE ONLY	Deleted. There is very limited, if any, use for this sign on our highway system.
OR20-2c	Delete 3-148c	TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR LEFT LANE ONLY (overhead)	Deleted. There is very limited, if any, use for this sign on our highway system.
OR22-16, OR22-17	3-182	NO LANE CHANGES NEXT XXXX FT, NO LANE CHANGES NEXT ½ MILE	Combined with information from sheet 3-183 since messages are similar. Created a smaller sign size as an option for standard highway application. Added a chart detailing relative dimensioning for each sign and each size.
OR22-17	Delete 3-183	NO LANE CHANGES NEXT ½ MILE	Deleted. This information has been moved to sheet 3-182.
---	4-5	Policy for the use of Sign Flag Boards	Changed reference from TM105, which no longer exists, to TM204.
OW6-4, OW6-4a	4-20	END FREEWAY ½ MILE, END FREEWAY 1 MILE	Combined with information from sheet 4-21 since messages are similar.
OW6-4a	Delete 4-21	END FREEWAY 1 MILE	Deleted. This information has been moved to sheet 4-20.
OW6-5, OW6-5a	4-22	END EXPRESSWAY ½ MILE, END EXPRESSWAY 1 MILE	Combined with information from sheet 4-23 since messages are similar.
OW6-5a	Delete 4-23	END EXPRESSWAY 1 MILE	Deleted. This information has been moved to sheet 4-22.
OW 15-19a	Delete 4-86	NEXT XX MILES	Deleted. This is a duplication of sign W7-3a from Standard Highway Signs.
OW15-20	Delete 4-87	PLAYGROUND	Deleted. The Playground symbol sign (W15-1) from Standard Highway Signs is to be used in place of this.
OW22-7	4-124	Highway Advisory Radio Sign	New sheet. This is a travel advisory warning sign that may be used at locations where a Travelers Information Station has been authorized.

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---	Delete 5-12	Travel Advisory Radio Signing Guidelines	Deleted. This information is covered in the ODOT document "Guidelines for the Operation of Highway Advisory Radio and other Travelers Information Stations on State Highways". New sheet 4-124 makes reference to this document.
OD-463	5-83	TSUNAMI EVACUATION ROUTE	Changed design of route marker to a rectangular shape with directional arrow incorporated into the design as per MUTCD requirements. Eliminated 12" size as an option. Provided a design option with wave curling to left for left turn movements. Added a chart providing dimensioning details for each sign size.
---	5-189	Criteria for Signing Traffic Generators from Interstate Highways	Added a footnote and updated language on other footnotes as directed by OTCDC. Modified enrollment criteria for Colleges and Universities as per OTCDC. Converted metric values to English.

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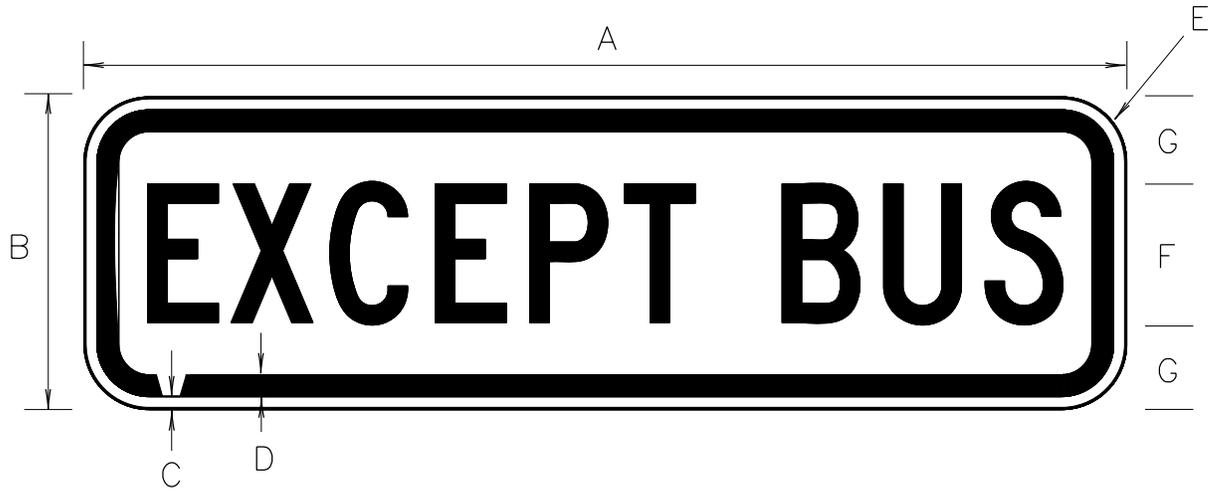
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YIELD TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC	3-171	OR22-6
Youth Camps	5-3	---
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24-HOUR FLAGGING AHEAD	6-67	CW20-9
\$500 PENALTY FOR THROWING AWAY BURNING MATERIAL	3-129	OR16-6

Sign No. OR3-7a



*Sign Background:* White, Retroreflective sheeting

*Sign Legend:* Black, Non-Reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L
STANDARD	30	9	3/8	5/8	1 1/2	4C	2 1/2				
SPECIAL	36	12	3/8	5/8	1 1/2	5C	3 1/2				

*The EXCEPT BUS sign may be used at locations where a posted regulatory sign would not apply to buses. An example of a location might be where a RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT (R3-7) sign is installed at an area that a bus stop is located.*

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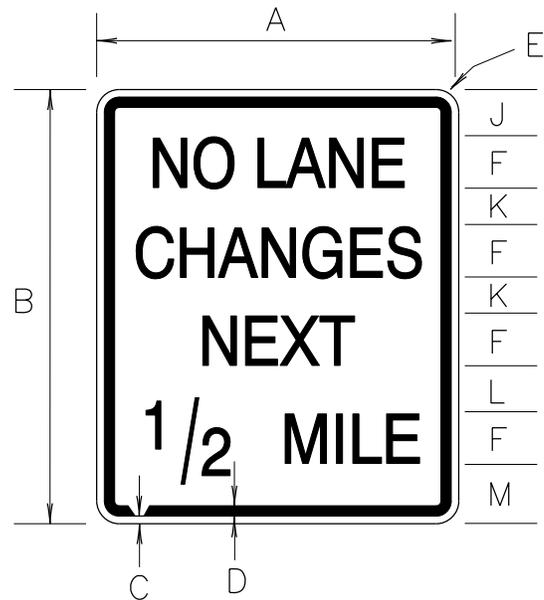
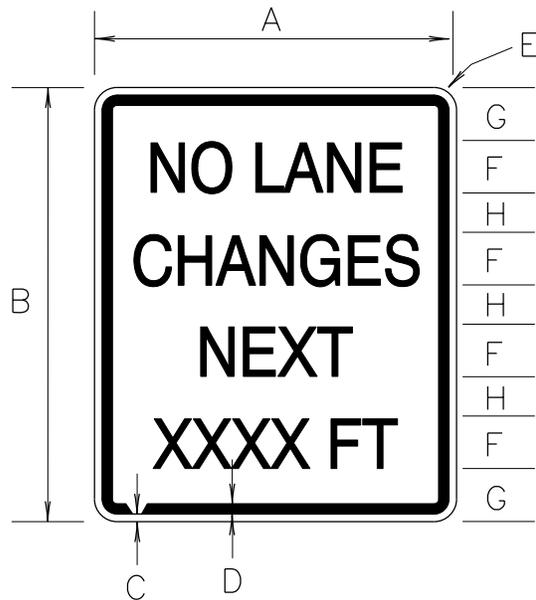
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Sign No. OR22-16

Sign No. OR22-17



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Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M
STD.	36	48	5/8	7/8	2 1/4	6C	6	4	5	3 1/2	5	7
FWY.	48	66	3/4	1 1/4	3	8C	8	6	7	5 1/2	7	9

Use the NO LANE CHANGES NEXT XXXX FT (OR22-16) sign to direct motorists to not change lanes for a distance specified in feet. Use the NO LANE CHANGES NEXT 1/X MILE (OR22-17) sign to direct motorists to not change lanes for a distance specified in 1/4 mile increments.

Use solid white lane lines from this sign to end of restriction.

SIGNSTDPG.F.11

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# Policy for the use of Sign Flag Boards (Yellow or Orange Diamonds)

Overuse or misuse of warning signs and devices erodes the effectiveness of their future use as safety devices. Table 2A-4 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices reserves the use of orange. Therefore it is the policy of ODOT that orange flag boards are to be reserved for construction and maintenance only. For all other uses, as described below, sign flag boards shall have fluorescent yellow wide-angle prismatic sheeting.

Standards for the actual design and placement of the Sign Flag Boards are found on Oregon Standard Drawing TM 204.

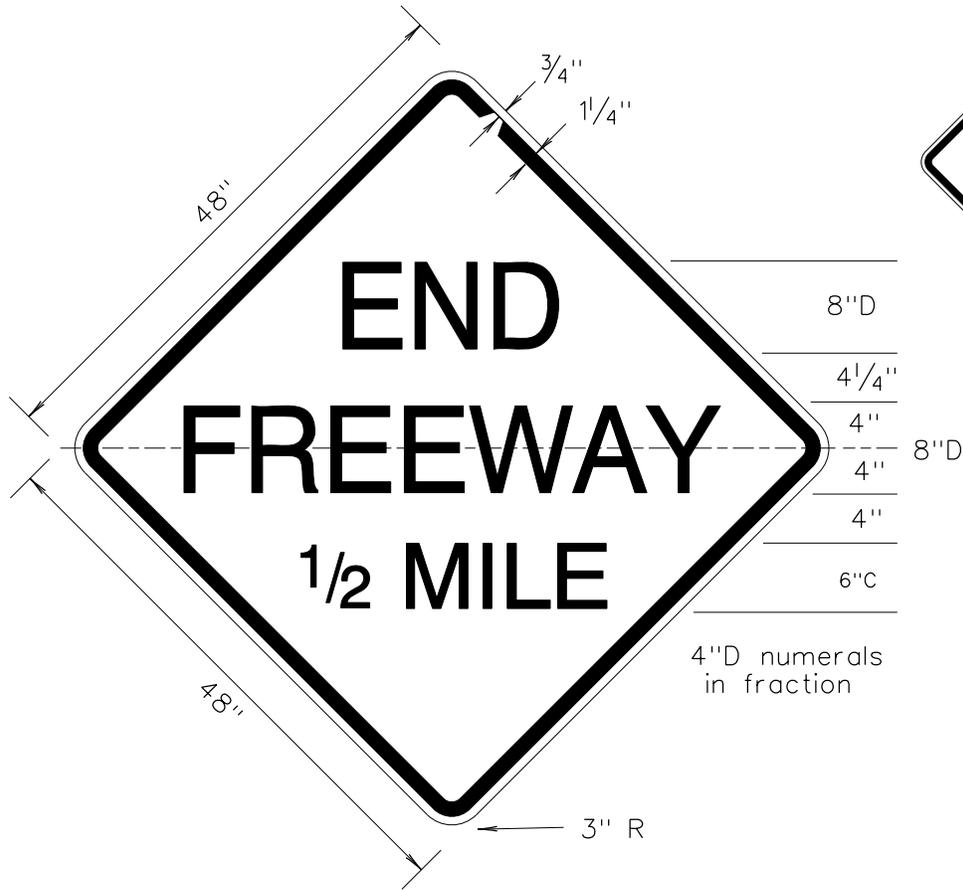
Criteria for the application and use of fluorescent yellow wide-angle prismatic flag boards are as follows:

- 1. For changes in regulatory conditions.** Examples include intersection control, lane use, and speed zone changes. Sign flag boards may be used either in conjunction with Oregon sign CW20-10 (“TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE AHEAD”) or to draw attention to permanent warning signs or regulatory signs. Sign flag boards (as well as Sign CW20-10) generally should be in place approximately one month.
- 2. On Interstate or other freeways at reductions in speed zones where the change is 10 mph or greater.** [This does not apply to school speed zone signing. Sign Flag Boards shall not be used in conjunction with school speed zone signing unless part of #1 above.](#)
- 3. Safety Corridors.** ODOT Sign Policy Manual includes a layout drawing that illustrates the usage of sign flag boards in a Safety Corridor. The usage is optional, but if chosen, all appropriate signs in the Safety Corridor should include the sign flag boards. In addition to the signs identified in the layout drawing, sign flag boards may be added to warning or regulatory signs within the Safety Corridor. Use of sign flag boards shall be approved by the Region Traffic Manager.
- 4. As required by a result of an engineering investigation.** The use of Sign Flag Boards shall be approved by the Region Traffic Engineer upon completion of the investigation. Sign Flag Boards installed by an engineering investigation should be evaluated for effectiveness within a time period of at least six months and no greater than 12 months after installation. If the post application engineering evaluation determines that these signs should remain in place, they may remain in place upon approval by the Region Traffic Engineer. After a site has been approved for extended use, it should be evaluated for further extensions on an annual basis. See below for engineering investigation and site evaluation requirements.

Many Sign Flag Boards are presently in place that do not meet this criteria. Sign Flag Boards not meeting the above criteria should be removed or reviewed as part of an engineering investigation to justify their continued use.

Sign No. OW6-4

Sign No. OW6-4a



Sign Background: Yellow, Retroreflective sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

SIGNSTDPG.F.12

The END FREEWAY sign should be used in advance of the end of a freeway to warn traffic of the need for a reduction in speed.

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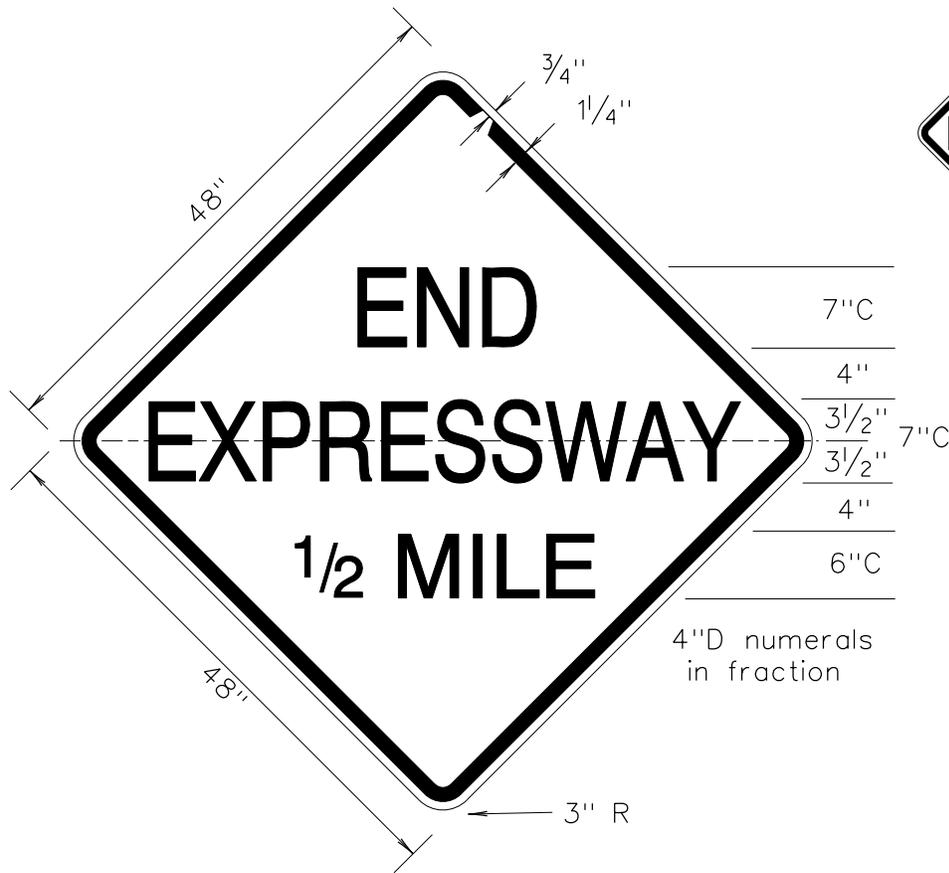
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Sign No. OW6-5

Sign No. OW6-5a



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Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

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The END EXPRESSWAY sign should be used in advance of the end of an expressway to warn traffic of the need for a reduction in speed.

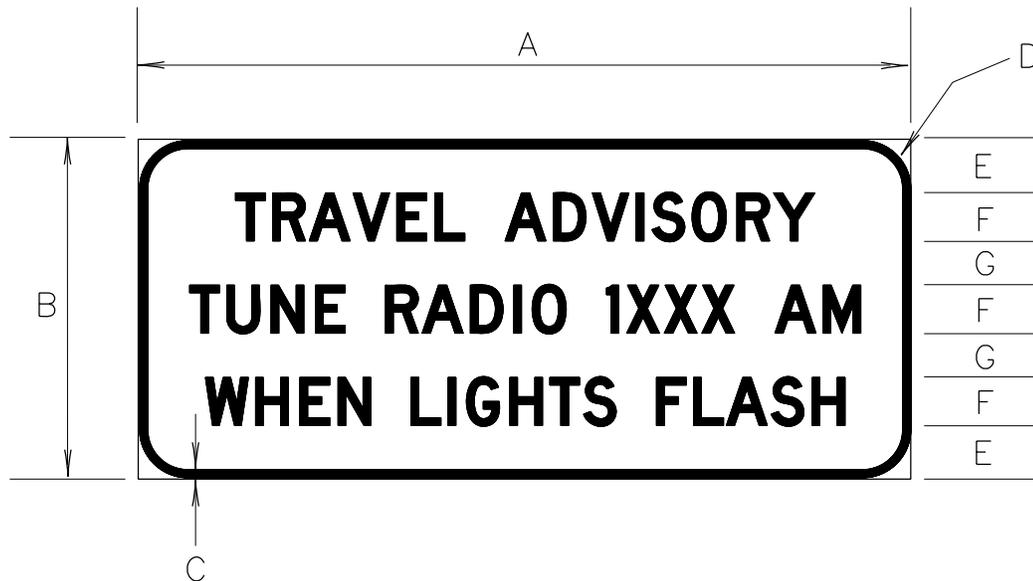
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Sign No. OW22-7



*Sign Background:* Yellow, Retro-reflective sheeting

*Sign Legend:* Black, Non-reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M
LOW VOLUME LOW SPEED	96	42	1	6	6½	6D	5½					
STANDARD	132	54	1	6	8	8D	7					
FWY./EXPWY.	162	66	1	9	9½	10D	8½					

The Highway Advisory Radio sign may be used at locations where a Travelers Information Station has been authorized. Use of the Travelers Information Station is governed by the ODOT document Guidelines for the operation of Highway Advisory Radio and other Travelers Information Stations on State Highways.

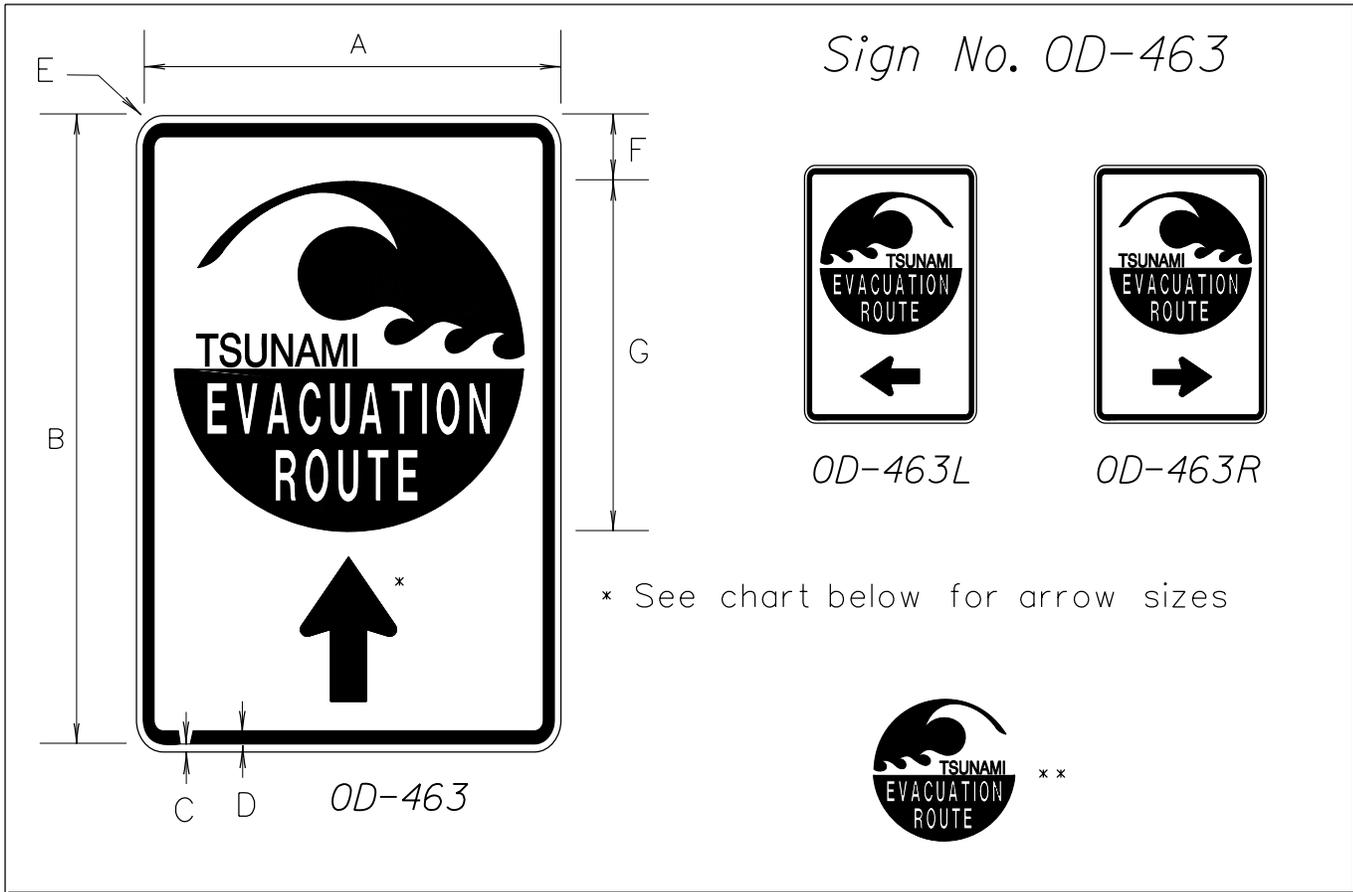
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*Sign Background: White, Retroreflective*

*Sign Border: Black, Non-reflective*

*Sign Legend: Blue, Retroreflective (Ball, Arrow and "TSUNAMI")  
White, Retroreflective (Wave and "EVACUATION ROUTE")*

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	ARROW SIZE			
MIN.	18	30	3/8	5/8	1 1/2	3	14	5x7			
STD.	24	36	3/8	5/8	1 1/2	3	20	6x9			

SIGNSTDPG.F13

*The "TSUNAMI EVACUATION ROUTE" markers should be used to designate the evacuation routes established by local jurisdictions in cooperation with emergency management offices.*

*The "TSUNAMI EVACUATION ROUTE" markers used on state highways shall be the 24"x36" size.*

*\*\* This sign is also available with the wave curling to the left. This allows the breaking wave to always point to high ground regardless of the side of the road the sign is located on.*

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## CRITERIA FOR SIGNING TRAFFIC GENERATORS FROM INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

TYPE OF GENERATOR	SPECIFIC CRITERIA	MAJOR METRO AREA <u>1/</u>	URBAN AREA <u>2/</u>	RURAL AREA <u>3/</u>	SPARSELY POPULATED AREA <u>4/</u>
Airports	Regularly Scheduled Commercial Departures Per Day	35	20	15	5
	Distance from Interchange (mi.) <u>5/</u>	5	7.5	10	10
Colleges and Universities <u>7/</u>	Total Enrollment Full and Part-time Students	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,000
	Distance from Interchange (mi.) <u>5/</u>	3	4	5	6
Arenas, Auditoriums, Convention Halls, Stadiums, State and National Parks, Major Recreational Areas (Fairgrounds, Amusement Parks, Zoos, etc.)	Annual Attendance	300,000	250,000	200,000	100,000
	No. of Seats (if applicable)	6,000	5,000	4,000	2,000
	Distance from Interchange (mi.) <u>5/</u>	5	5	5	5
Information Center	Permanent, Easy Access, Adequate Parking				
	Distance from Interchange (mi.) <u>5/</u>	3	3	4	5
Shopping Centers <u>6/</u> & Industrial Parks	Regional or Statewide Significance; 46,500 Square Meters; 18,000 daily trips				
	Distance from Interchange (mi.) <u>5/</u>	1	1	1	1

- 1/ 50,000 or more population in Urban Growth Boundary
- 2/ 5,000 - 49,999 population in Urban Growth Boundary
- 3/ County with more than 30,000 population
- 4/ County with less than 30,000 population
- 5/ Distance may be increased 0.5 mi. for each 10% over the minimum requirements listed to a maximum of two times the minimum distance listed.
- 6/ Shopping center must have 2 or more major retail outlets such as Sears, Penneys, etc.
- 7/ Colleges and Universities may also qualify for Interstate signing if they meet the "Annual Attendance" and "No. of Seats" criteria for Arenas, Auditoriums, etc...