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RE: MARCH 2015 REVISIONS TO SIGN POLICY & GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Enclosed with this cover letter are the most recent revisions to the "Sign Policy and Guidelines for the State Highway System."

Sign No.	Page No.	Legend/Section	Revision
-----	1-1	Chapter 1: Introduction	Updated header to read "Technical Services Branch Traffic-Roadway Section".
-----	1-4	List of "Signs Not Allowed on State Highway System"	Updated page reference for Traffic Generator Signing (Commercial Businesses).
OR2-1	3-14	SPEED XX	Revised Dimension Chart to be consistent with application and corresponding sizes as provided in Appendix D of Sign Design Manual.
OW21-4	4-118	BRAKE CHECK AREA ½ MILE	New sheet. This design is intended for use in place of MUTCD sign D5-13. We feel that the close proximity of these designated Brake Check Areas to the travel lanes makes a warning message more appropriate. Therefore, we have taken the D5-13 design from Standard Highway Signs and changed the color combination to the standard warning sign combination of yellow and black.
OW21-5 and OW21-6	4-119	BRAKE CHECK AREA and BRAKE CHECK AREA (Arrow)	New sheet. These designs are intended for use in place of MUTCD sign D5-14. We feel that the close proximity of these designated Brake Check Areas to the travel lanes makes a warning message more appropriate. Therefore, we have taken the D5-14 design from Standard Highway Signs and changed the color combination to the standard warning sign combination of yellow and black.
-----	5-5	2I.06 Brake Check Area Signs 2H.02 General Information Signs	Added reference to new BRAKE CHECK AREA signs (pages 4-118 and 4-119) among the supporting text for 2I.07 Chain-up Area Signs. Removed final sentence (The BUS STATION symbol sign shall not be used.....) from this page as this statement is no longer accurate.
-----	Delete 5-14	TRAVEL INFO TUNE RADIO TO.....	Deleted. Use MUTCD signs D12-1 or D12-5 instead.

-----	8-1	9B.18 Bicycle Warning and Combined Bicycle/Pedestrian Signs	Changed reference to appropriate riders in the supporting text. Removed "ON ROADWAY" and replaced with "SHARE THE ROAD".
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**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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SIGN POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Chapter 1: Introduction

The Oregon Department of Transportation is responsible for furnishing and maintaining directional, regulatory, warning, and informational signing on the state highway system.

The Department's sign policy is a combination of State of Oregon Revised Statutes, Administrative Rules, Federal Highway Administration rules and guidelines, and engineering judgment. The Oregon Transportation Commission has adopted the Federal manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) with Oregon Supplements as the signing manual for the State of Oregon. Since the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices has been adopted as policy, this document deals exclusively with items not included in the Manual or items that need further clarification as they are used on the state highway system

It is important to remember that if a policy exists and the sign meets the necessary criteria, the sign will be erected only when there is adequate space along the highway or freeway, and only if the designated location generates a large enough traffic volume to justify the placement of the sign. Existing signs that are not in conformance with this policy should be brought into compliance on a replacement basis.

**The following signs are not allowed on the state highway system.
The State Traffic Engineer may allow certain exceptions.**

Advertising
Amusement Parks
Animal Shelter
Billboards
Churches
Commercial Businesses (see traffic generator signing, page 5-24)
Day Care Centers
Death Markers
Drive-in Theaters
Drug Free School Zone
Educational Service District
Field Burning
Fraternity-Sorority
Green River Ordinance
Kindergartens
Memorial Highways (See Blue Star Rest Area Signing)
Miniature Golf
Neighborhoods
Neighborhood Watch
Nuclear Free Zone
Nursing Homes
Political Signs
Public Open Market
Public Agency (See Section 5)
Private Agencies
Recycling Centers (Private)
Residential Complexes
Retirement Homes
Rodeos
Rustic Signs for Chamber of Commerce
Service Clubs
Skating Rinks
Special Interest Districts (See T.O.D. Signing)
Sports Clubs
Stockyards
Trade Schools
Veterans' Affairs Offices
Waste Transfer Stations

Sign No. OR2-1



Sign Background: White, Retroreflective sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
MIN.	30	36	1/2	3/4	4	6D	3 1/2	18C	4 1/2	1 7/8
STD.	36	48	5/8	7/8	7	8C	7	18D	8	2 1/4
FWY. / EXPWY.	48	60	3/4	1 1/4	7	10D	6	30C	7	3

The SPEED XX sign may be used to inform motorists of the designated speed or speed limit. This includes truck speed restrictions, school speed zones, and other special speed restrictions allowed by law as well as the designated speed or speed limit by statute, rule or written order.

Speed sign indicating either statutory or revised speed values shall be located at the beginning of each section, at the point of change from one speed to another and at intermediate locations, if necessary, to remind motorists of the speed that is applicable. In general, in urban and suburban areas, the interval between intermediate speed signs should not be less than 1/4 mile nor more than 2 miles, nor should there be less than one intermediate speed sign for each direction of travel in each speed zone. In rural areas, the interval between intermediate signs may be 2 to 10 miles.

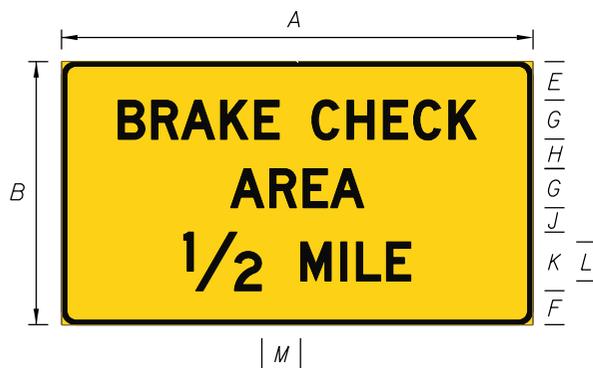
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Sign No. OW21-4

C = Border Width
D = Corner Radius

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
STANDARD	96	54	1	3	8	7	8D	6	5	12	8D	8
FWY./EXPWY.	132	66	2	6	10	8	10E	8	8	12	8E	12

BRAKE CHECK AREA SIGNS - OW21-4 to OW21-6
(SEE PAGE 5-5, SEC. 2I.06 FOR RELATED INFORMATION)

The BRAKE CHECK AREA signs are used to identify those areas adjacent to the highway that are maintained for the purpose of providing truckers with an area for checking their air brakes and ensuring adequate pressure for navigating long, downhill grades.

The BRAKE CHECK AREA 1/2 MILE sign (OW21-4) should be installed approx. 1/2 mile in advance of the Brake Check Area. The BRAKE CHECK AREA sign (OW21-5 or OW21-6) should be installed at the beginning of the Brake Check Area.

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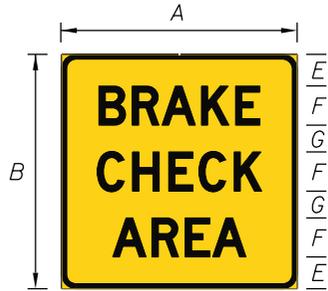
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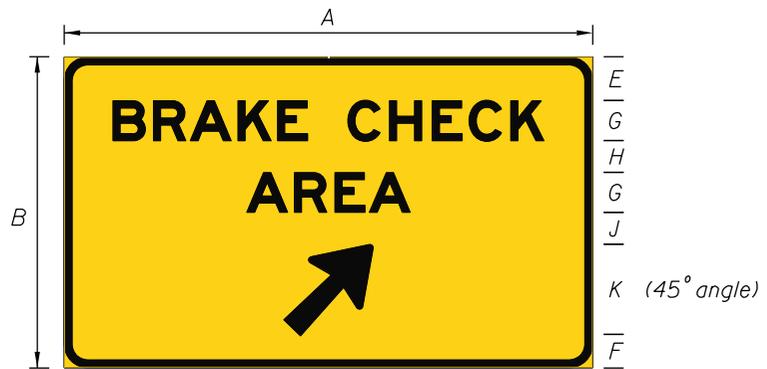
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Sign No. OW21-5



C = Border Width
D = Corner Radius

Sign No. OW21-6



C = Border Width
D = Corner Radius

Sign Background: Yellow, Retro-Reflective sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
STANDARD	48	48	1	3	6½	8D	5½
FWY./EXPWY.	72	66	2	6	10	10E	8

OW21-5

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
STANDARD	96	54	1	3	7	6½	8D	6	6½	Type D, 10 x 15
FWY./EXPWY.	132	78	2	6	11	8	10E	8	8	Type A-2, 18 x 29

OW21-6

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2I.02 & 2I.03 General Service Signs (D9 Series)

State and City Police, Sheriff, DMV, and DEQ are considered motorist services and will be signed under this section with Blue background, white legend signs.

General motorist service signs may be appended to interchange guide signs.

The CHANNEL 9 MONITORED sign shall not be used on State Highways.

NEXT GASOLINE sign may be used on primary and secondary highways at some point leaving the last location where gasoline is available and the next available gasoline is at least 50 miles. This sign is generic but care should be taken in the placement to avoid its being construed as advertising.

Minimum Size 36" x 24"

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - All requests for installation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) symbol sign shall be submitted to the Health Division of the Oregon Department of Human Resources for certification that the requester satisfies the State's established criteria for facilities included in the EMS system. EMS signing will not normally be used in conjunction with Hospital signing.

Minimum Size (D9-13 symbol) 24" x 24"

Tourist Information Centers - Tourist Information Centers may be signed on freeways and primary and secondary highways. The Center must have easy permanent access with adequate parking where local tourist information is available. An attended facility is not required. See page 5-17.

2I.06 & 2I.07 Brake Check Area Signs & Chain-Up Area Signs (D5-13 thru D5-16)

Due to the limited width of the Brake Check Areas and Chain-up Areas and their close proximity to the traveled ways, the Brake Check Area and Chain-up Area series of signs are to remain black legend on yellow background. The use of warning sign colors gives proper notice to the motorist of the unexpected activities in the area. Design layouts for these signs, as well as for Chain Removal Area signs, are provided on pages 4-118 thru 4-123 of this manual.

2H.02 General Information Signs (I Series)

Commercial Airports may be signed on freeways and primary and secondary highways if they offer commercial or charter airline service, plane rental, or flying lessons. Use of the horizontal plane symbol sign is preferred over the vertical plane symbol sign.

Minimum Size 24" x 24", Freeway 30" x 30"

The BUS STATION symbol sign (I - 6) shall be used on state highways to indicate the location of a bus stop on the state highway. When used the BUS STATION symbol sign should be accompanied by a supplemental plaque below the sign to identify the bus service that stops there.

Chapter 8 Bicycle Signs

9B.18 Bicycle Warning and combined Bicycle/Pedestrian Signs (W11-1 and W11-15)

The Bicycle Warning Sign (W11-1) may be used to advise motorists of the possible presence of bicycles on the roadway. The appropriate rider (“XING”, “SHARE THE ROAD”) should be included with all bicycle warning signs to indicate where the bicycles are likely to be encountered.

9B.19 Other Bicycle Warning Signs

The Traffic Engineering and Operations Section will provide designs for the bicycle warning signs listed in the MUTCD that do not appear in the Standard Highway Signs manual.

Bicycle Racing

The Traffic Engineering and Operations Section will provide designs for required signs listed in the “Guidelines for Administration of Bicycle Racing on Oregon Roads”. Also see designs for OBW16-2, W3-4, and W20-7.

Bicycle Routes

The OREGON BIKE CENTENNIAL ROUTE sign should be removed from our highway system as it is no longer supported by other organizations.

Note:

See chapter 6 for additional bicycle warning signs for temporary events.