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**To: All Holders of "Sign Policy and Guidelines for the State Highway System"**

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**RE: 2026 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."

Signs that are being replaced by MUTCD 2023 signs will remain in the Sign Policy and Guidelines for the year 2026 with a note that they are no longer to be used on state highways. A MUTCD 2023 sign is mentioned as the federal replacement of an Oregon specific sign. All new sign installations after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 shall use the MUTCD sign when applicable.

Please route suggested revisions, changes, or comments to the state sign engineer for consideration.

Sign No.	Chapter No.	Legend/Section	Revision
NA	All	All Sections	MUTCD section references have been changed to reflect the 2023 MUTCD numbered sections.
NA	Chapter 2	Boader sizes	Border size requirements have been removed, as this is duplicate information from the sign design manual
NA	Chapter 3	Passing, Keep Right, and Slow Traffic Signs	This section detailed sign placement for passing lanes. It has been removed, as this is duplicate information from the sign design manual.
NA	Chapter 3	Slow Vehicle Turn-out Signs	This section detailed sign placement for slow vehicle turn-out lanes. It has been removed, as this is duplicate information from the sign design manual.

Sign No.	Chapter No.	Legend/Section	Revision
OR3-5L & OR3-5R	Chapter 3	Right/left turn ONLY	A note added that this sign is not to be used on state highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until at least 2027. Use MUTCD 2023 sign R4-21.
OR3-7a	Chapter 3	EXCEPT BUS	A note added that this sign is not to be used on state highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Use MUTCD 2023 sign R3-7aP.
OR4-3a	Chapter 3	STATE LAW SLOWER TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT	Added sign to help replace OR4-16 thru OR4-19 when the STATE LAW banner is wanted.
OR4-16 thru OR4-19	Chapter 3	TRUCKERS-CAMPERS TRAILERS-BUSES UNLAWFUL TO USE LEFT LANE EXCEPT WHEN PASSING ON X LANE HIGHWAYS	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign R4-3 (SLOWER TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT) or OR4-3a.
OR4-20a	Chapter 3	STATE LAW: MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN FOR VEHICLES STOPPED FOR EMERGENCY	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign R16-3.
OR10-3L & OR10-3R	NA	Push Button for Pedestrians (Hand Symbol)	Deleted sign, as it has not been allowed on state highways since at least 2017. Use MUTCD R10-3 series.
OR10-4bL & OB10-4bR	NA	Push Button for Pedestrians	Deleted sign, as it has not been allowed on state highways since at least 2017. Use MUTCD R10-3 series.
OR10-15	Chapter 3	TURNING VEHICLES Stop FOR Pedestrians	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign R10-15a.
OR10-25L & OR10-25R	NA	PUSH BUTTON TO TURN ON WARNING LIGHTS	Deleted sign, as it has not been allowed on state highways since at least 2017. Use MUTCD R10-25.
OR22-20	Chapter 3	(NO ATVs Symbol Sign)	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign R9-16.
OW11-7p	Chapter 4	OPEN RANGE plaque	New sign plaque to have as an option. This sign is meant to be a plaque to MUTCD symbol warning signs to state that the area is also open range.

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OW15-19	Chapter 4	SLIDES	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign W8-14. MUTCD sign W8-14 better describes the physical attributes of a slide area.
OW22-16	Chapter 4	ATV Warning Symbol Sign	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. The symbol no longer supported by the MUTCD. Use sign OW22-16a
OW22-16a	Chapter 4	ATV Warning Symbol Sign	Added sign with symbol that is MUTCD approved
NA	Chapter 5	Arrows on guide signs	Arrow size requirements have been removed, as this is duplicate information from the sign design manual
NA	Chapter 5	Route shields	Route shield size requirements have been removed, as this is duplicate information from the sign design manual
NA	Chapter 5	Alternative Electric Vehicle Charging Symbol Signing Guidelines	This section is deleted, as the federal government has completely endorsed the alternative EV symbol. See MUTCD 2023 sign D9.11b.
OD9-25	Chapter 5	NO SERVICES	New sign to be used on freeways to let the public know that there are no services at an interchange.
CW23-12 & CW23-12R	Chapter 6	LEFT TURN LANE CLOSED AHEAD	Added a RIGHT TURN LANE CLOSED AHEAD CW23-12R.
CW23-13 & CW23-13R	Chapter 6	LEFT TURN LANE CLOSED	Added a RIGHT TURN LANE CLOSED CW23-13R.
OS3-2	NA	SCHOOL BUS TURN AROUND	Deleted sign, as it has not been allowed on state highways since at least 2017. Use MUTCD sign S3-2.
OBR4-19	Chapter 8	STATE LAW EXTRA SPACE REQUIRED TO PASS (Bike)	New sign added to sign policy to reflect ORS 811.065.
OBW1-9	Chapter 8	(Bike Lane Ends Symbol)	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use MUTCD sign W9-5 or W9-5a depending on the circumstances. Both MUTCD signs may be used on different posts with appropriate sign spacing.

Sign No.	Chapter No.	Legend/Section	Revision
OBW8-19L & OBW8-19R	Chapter 8	(Bike Railroad Crossing symbol)	Note added that this sign is no longer to be used on State Highways. It will be kept in the sign policy as an asset reference until 2027. Instead use 2025 Oregon Sign Policy signs OBW8-19aL & OBW8-19aR. Federal guidelines no longer support the bike symbol used on these signs.
OBW8-19aL & OBW8-19aR	Chapter 8	(Bike Railroad Crossing symbol)	Added sign with symbol that is MUTCD approved
OBW8-22	NA	(Bike Ped Warning Symbol)	Deleted sign, as it has not been allowed on state highways since at least 2017. Use MUTCD sign W11-15.