



Traffic Guidelines Manual

ORIGINATOR State Traffic Engineer	2-2-45
CHAPTER 2	Signing
SECTION 2	Regulatory Signs
SUBJECT 45	Move Over or Slow Down Signs

A. Purpose

The intent of this guideline is to restrict the usage of signs that inform the public about Moving Over or Slowing Down for Stopped Emergency Vehicles to locations that are most helpful to motorists.

Signs with the message “MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN FOR STOPPED VEHICLES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS” (R5-60) are installed on state highways as a reminder to motorists to slow down or move over for emergency/law enforcement vehicles that are on the roadway. These signs were installed in a partnership between Bureau of Traffic Operations and Bureau of Transportation Safety to educate motorists of this law. While signs can be a useful tool to help re-enforce a law, education and enforcement are also effective and essential tools that must be used with highway signing. These signs are primarily focused to motorists entering the state and *may* be unfamiliar with the Move Over or Slow Down Law. As for a reminder tool, other, more effective educational efforts have been employed in lieu of signs. These educational efforts often times consist of public service announcements through the media, reminders included in DMV vehicle registration notices and driver education. However, due to budgetary concerns and the concern about over signage, signs *should* only be installed in locations that are the most effective for motorists.

B. Definitions

Freeways are defined as divided arterial highway facilities that have full controlled access, by means of grade separation at interchanges only.

Expressways are defined as divided arterial highway facilities that have partial control of access and generally with grade separations at major intersections.

Conventional Highways are defined as either divided or undivided roadway facilities that have no control of access with grade separations at intersections. These highways can be two lane or multilane facilities.

C. Policy

1. Any requests to install –“MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN FOR STOPPED VEHICLES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS” (R5-60) signs **shall** be reviewed by the statewide Traffic Incident Management Committee and approved by the State Traffic Engineer prior to installation.
2. The following locations have been approved for installation of “MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN FOR STOPPED VEHICLES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS” (R5-60). Signs **shall** be installed at these locations:

SW Region:

- IH 39 northbound in Rock County north of the state line
- IH 39 northbound in Dane County north of USH 51 in Madison
- IH 39 northbound in Columbia County north of IH 90-94
- IH 39 southbound in Columbia County south of IH 90-94
- IH 39 southbound in Dane County south of USH 12-18
- IH 90 eastbound in La Crosse County east of the state line
- IH 90 eastbound in Monroe County east of IH 94
- IH 90 westbound in Columbia County west of IH 39
- IH 90 westbound in Monroe County west of IH 94
- IH 94 eastbound in Dane County east of IH 39-90
- IH 94 westbound in Monroe County west of IH 90
- USH 18 westbound in Dane County west of Dairy Ridge Rd
- USH 151 northbound in Grant County north of the state line
- USH 151 northbound in Dane County north of IH 39-90-94

SE Region:

- IH 41 northbound in Washington County north of USH 45
- IH 43 northbound in Milwaukee County at Holt Ave
- IH 43 northbound in Ozaukee County north of STH 60
- IH 94 eastbound in Milwaukee County east of 84th St
- IH 94 westbound in Kenosha County west of the state line
- IH 94 westbound in Waukesha County west of the Milwaukee County line
- USH 12 westbound in Walworth County west of the state line
- STH 119 westbound in Milwaukee County east of IH 94

NE Region

- IH 41 southbound in Outagamie County south of the Brown County line
- IH 43 southbound in Brown County south of STH 172
- USH 10 westbound in Winnebago County west of IH 41
- USH 41 northbound in Brown County north of CTH B
- USH 41 southbound in Marinette County south of Marinette
- USH 41 southbound in Brown County south of CTH B

- STH 29 westbound in Brown County west of IH 41

NC Region

- IH 39 northbound in Portage County at Stevens Point
- IH 39 southbound in Marathon County south of Business 51
- IH 39 southbound in Portage County at Stevens Point
- USH 51 northbound in Marathon County north of STH 29
- USH 45 southbound in Vilas County south of the state line
- STH 29 eastbound in Marathon County east of USH 51
- STH 29 westbound in Marathon County west of USH 51
- STH 153 westbound in Marathon County east of IH 39

NW Region

- IH 94 eastbound in Saint Croix County east of the state line
- IH 94 eastbound in Eau Claire County east of USH 53
- IH 94 westbound in Dunn County west of STH 29
- USH 2 eastbound in Douglas County south of Superior
- USH 53 northbound in Chippewa County north of STH 29
- STH 29 eastbound in Chippewa County east of USH 53