



Traffic Guidelines Manual

ORIGINATOR State Traffic Engineer	2-3-19
CHAPTER 2	Signing
SECTION 3	Warning Signs
SUBJECT 19	Divided Highway Warning Signing

A. General

The [2009 MUTCD](#) Sections [2C.22](#) and [2C.23](#) covers the usage of the divided highway warning signs (W6-1 and W6-2 signs). However, the MUTCD guidance is very general in nature and does not tie into specific factors such as posted speed and length of divided section. Often times for shorter divided segments with lower speeds, the divided highway ahead warning signs *may* be deleted. This policy will provide for a statewide policy for consistent usage.

B. Policy

Below is the statewide policy for the usage of Divided Highway warning signs:

1. The divided highway ahead warning sign (W6-1 sign) *should* be installed in advance of two lane to four lane transitions that are physically divided by a median. Standard Detail Drawing 15C21-3 shows a typical installation of this sign.
2. The divided highway ahead warning sign (W6-1 sign) *should* only be used in transition to a section of highway that is divided, not a specific intersection.
3. The divided highway ahead warning sign (W6-1 sign) *should not* be used for locations where there is two way traffic to single lane divided.
4. If posted speeds are 45 mph or above, the divided highway ahead sign *may* be used if the divided area is greater than 1000 feet. The signs would be used at the beginning of the divided section only.
5. A divided highway ends sign *should* be used in advance of the end of a section of physically divided highway in accordance with Standard Detail Drawing 15C21-3.
6. The two-way traffic sign (W6-3 sign) *should* be used at the end of the divided highway section, in accordance with Standard Detail Drawing 15C21-3, to give warning and notice that traffic is now two lanes.