



## Traffic Guidelines Manual

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CHAPTER 2	Signing
SECTION 3	Warning
SUBJECT 50	Horse Drawn Vehicles

### General

The use of highways by horse drawn vehicles is a common activity of some farming religious sects active in several regions of the state. These low speed vehicles traveling on the roadway proper or on the shoulder introduces some hazards which are magnified because of the frailty of the horse drawn vehicles and the vulnerability of the occupants and the horse. In view of the potential for injury, Horse Drawn Vehicle Signs (W11 -12) *should* be installed at locations which satisfy the following conditions:

1. The usage of the segment of the state trunk highway by horse drawn vehicles is on a frequent or recurring basis.
2. To the satisfaction of the region, the farmer(s) are using the state trunk highway only where other routes are not available or otherwise not safe or attractive. The region *should* get input from the local highway and law enforcement officials and *should* make an effort to try and convince the religious sects to drive their horse drawn vehicles on the shoulder and not in the travel lane.
3. The region *should* consider the shoulder width and configuration (i.e. rumble strips, etc.) and sight distance of the roadway in their decision on whether to sign the roadway.

Each segment being used *should* be identified by the Region and/or County Highway Safety Committee and Horse Drawn Vehicle Signs **shall** be posted at the beginning of the segment. The Region has the option of adding the "Next Miles" sign (W57-5 1) to the Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign. The Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign **shall** be placed after every major intersection, such as a STH or CTH intersection.

The region *should* be alert for discontinuance of usage and remove the signs under that condition.