



## Traffic Guidelines Manual

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CHAPTER 9	Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities
SECTION 2	Signs
SUBJECT 18	SHARE THE ROAD Bicycle Warning Signs

### General

The 2003 MUTCD, Section 9B.18 gives guidance on the usage of several types of bicycle warning signs. One warning sign mentioned is the SHARE THE ROAD (W16-1) plaque, which may be used in conjunction with the Bicycle Warning (W11-1) sign. The MUTCD states that the sign combination may be used to warn motorists to watch for bicyclists along the highway. However, the 2003 MUTCD guidance is general and does not specifically address problem areas. As a result, this sign combination has the potential to be overused and misused, which can result in motorist non-compliance of the signs in general. This policy will provide specific guidance as to where this sign combination may be used and restrict usage to areas where motorists may not be aware of bicyclists entering the roadway.

### Policy

The SHARE THE ROAD (W16-1) plaque **shall** only be used provided the following requirements are met:

1. Locations where there is a geometric change that would direct a bicyclist from a dedicated bikeway or paved shoulder into the travel lane.
2. The SHARE THE ROAD (W16-1) plaque shall not be used for roundabout locations. For roundabouts, it is expected that bicyclists and pedestrians will enter the roadway. If there are problem areas for roundabouts, the standard pedestrian crossing (W11-2) sign should be installed with supplemental arrow plaque (W16-7) sign.
3. In locations where the SHARE THE ROAD (W16-1) plaque is used, it **shall** be mounted below the standard Bicycle Warning (W11-1) sign or other appropriate warning sign (i.e. Narrow Bridge (W5-2) sign). The SHARE THE ROAD plaque **shall not** be mounted by itself on a post.
4. For locations requiring the usage of the SHARE THE ROAD (W16-1) plaque, and Bicycle Warning (W11-1) sign, WisDOT will pay for the installation and maintenance of the signs on the state highway system.