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RE: SEPTEMBER 2013 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."

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OR3-1, OR3-2	3-22	NO RIGHT (LEFT) TURN	Deleted. Use MUTCD symbol versions (R3-1 and R3-2).
OR10-3	3-104	PUSH BUTTON FOR PEDS (symbol w/arrow) HOLD FOR 2 SECONDS FOR EXTRA CROSSING TIME	New sheet. This sign is an option for use, instead of using MUTCD sign R10-3 in conjunction with R10-32P. It provides the same message on a single sign substrate of the size consistent with ODOT push button application.
OR17-1	3-130	LEFT TURN YIELD TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC	The supporting language on this sheet has been modified from "should " to "may", and "signalized intersections" has been removed from the locations appropriate for this application.
OR21-4	3-164	HAND-HELD CELLPHONE USE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING MAX. FINE \$500	New sheet. This sign is being added in response to recent legislation.
-----	4-3	2C.50 Non-Vehicular Warning Signs	Language has been added to this section, clarifying ODOT's policy on the use of fluorescent yellow-green sign sheeting on our system.
-----	7-1, 7-2	7B.07 Sign Color for School Warning Signs	Language has been added to this section, clarifying ODOT's policy on the use of fluorescent yellow-green sign sheeting on our system.

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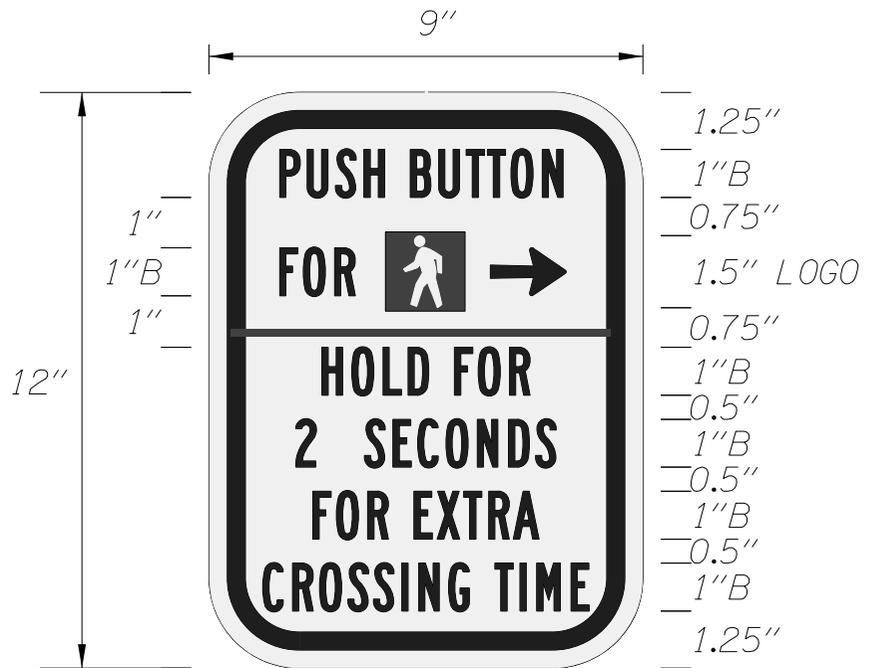
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OR10-3L



$\frac{3}{8}$ " border, $\frac{3}{8}$ " inset, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " radius

1" x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " arrow

Sign Background: White, Retro-Reflective sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective sheeting
(White Pedestrian on Black Background)

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The PUSH BUTTON FOR PEDS (Symbol w/arrow) HOLD FOR 2 SECONDS FOR EXTRA CROSSING TIME sign (OR10-3) is for use in instances where signal timing allows the option of extra crossing time for pedestrians. OR10-3 is an acceptable alternative to the use of R10-3 in conjunction with the R10-32P rider. It provides the same message on a single substrate of a size consistent with ODOT push button application.

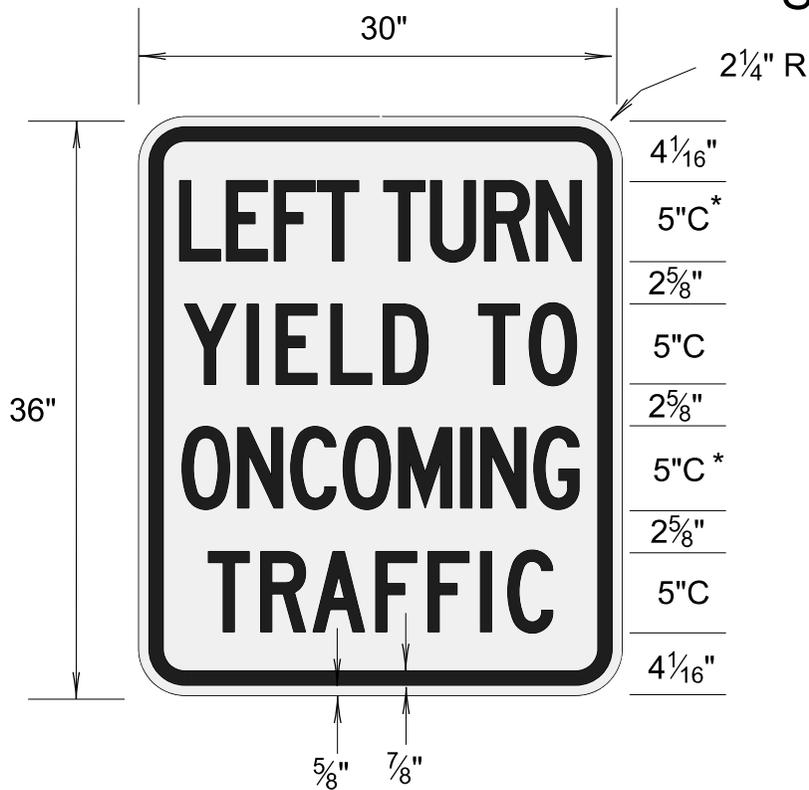
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Sign No. OR17-1



* Reduce spacing 50%

Sign Background: White, Wide angle prismatic sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

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The LEFT TURN YIELD TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC sign may be used at separate left turn lanes or left turn refuge to remind motorists that they must yield to oncoming traffic as per ORS 811.350. Minimum size for standard sign is 30"x36". The border on this sign can be eliminated if interior illuminated.

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Sign Background: White, Retro-Reflective sheeting

Sign Legend: Black, Non-reflective

SIGN	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
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FWY.	96	72	3/4	1 1/4	3	8B	8C	9 1/2	7

SIGNSTDP.F11

The HAND-HELD CELLPHONE USE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING sign (OR21-4) should be placed at all entrances to the state. The signs should remain in place for approximately five years from first date of installation. They need not be replaced once they've reached their useful service life.

These signs may be placed on highways anywhere in the state to remind motorists that the hand-held cellphone law is in effect.

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2C.50 Non-vehicular Warning Signs (W11-2, W11-3, W11-4, W11-6, W11-7, W11-9 and W11-16 through W11-22)

The Snowmobile Crossing sign (W11-6) may be installed on state highways under the following conditions:

1. The operator or owner of the snowmobile trail shall install STOP signs on the trail, outside the highway right-of-way.
2. The crossing shall be located, as nearly as possible, at 90 degrees to the highway.
3. The region traffic office will conduct a traffic investigation of the proposed crossing to insure the safety of the crossing.
4. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall make initial installation of snowmobile crossing signs.

ODOT policy is to reserve the use of fluorescent yellow-green sign sheeting for school zone signing on state highways including the "SCHOOL" portion of the School Speed Limit (S5-1) sign and any supplemental plaques used in association with these warning signs. Pedestrian and/or Bicycle warning signs should use the standard yellow color. Fluorescent yellow sign sheeting may be used for pedestrian and/or bicycle crossing signs if there is a need to call extra attention to a particular crossing.

The Region Traffic Engineer may allow the use of fluorescent yellow-green for pedestrian/bicycle warning signs on a state highway if the requesting jurisdiction can demonstrate an existing systematic approach to pedestrian signing which includes the fluorescent yellow-green sign background. However, other treatments must be considered before choosing fluorescent yellow-green sign sheeting (e.g. curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, Rapid Flash Beacons, etc.). The mixing of standard yellow and fluorescent yellow-green backgrounds for pedestrian/bicycle signs within a selected site area should be avoided.

2C.53 Use of Supplemental Warning Plaques

The Distance Ahead Plaques (W16-2 and W16-3 Series) or the AHEAD Plaque (W16-9p) may accompany any of the Vehicular Traffic Signs or Nonvehicular Signs (W11 Series) as secondary riders for installations used in advance of an actual crossing area, marked or unmarked. On the State Highway System, the AHEAD Plaque (W16-9p) is the preferred rider.

Chapter 7 School Area Signs

7B.07 Sign Color for School Warning Signs

All new school-related warning signs shall be fluorescent yellow-green sheeting.

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7B.09 School Zone Sign (S1-1) and Plaques (S4-3P, S4-7P) and End School Zone Sign (S5-2)

At each location that a jurisdiction wishes to establish a school zone a School Zone sign (S1-1) shall be installed. A school zone can be established with or without a reduced school speed limit. The following is the Oregon Revised Statute defining school zones:

801.462 “School zone.”

(1) “School zone” means both of the following:

- (a) A specific segment of highway that is adjacent to school grounds and that is marked by signs described in subsection (2) of this section.
- (b) A crosswalk that is not adjacent to school grounds and that is marked by signs described in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) Signs marking a school zone may include any words, symbols or combination of words and symbols that gives notice of the presence of the school zone. [2003 c.397 §2]

7B.10 Higher Fines Zone Signs

A BEGIN HIGHER FINES ZONE (R2-10) sign or a FINES HIGHER (R2-6P) plaque may be posted in school zones where WHEN FLASHING or WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT supplemental plaques are also used. Requests and funding for sign installations shall be through the school district.

Where a BEGIN HIGHER FINES ZONE (R2-10) sign or a FINES HIGHER (R2-6P) plaque is posted an END SCHOOL ZONE sign shall be installed on the downstream end of the zone to notify users of the termination of the increased fines zone.

7B.11 School Advance Crossing Assembly

The School Advance Crossing Assembly signs may be omitted in advance of a school crossing.

7B.12 School Crossing Assembly

An Overhead Pedestrian Crossing Sign (R1-9a) may be used to remind road users of the state law to stop for pedestrians. The sign may be modified to replace the standard pedestrian symbol with the standard schoolchildren symbol and may be used at unsignalized school crossings.



If the overhead signs are mounted in combination with flashing beacons, the flashing beacons shall not be continuously flashing (24 hr/day) in a school zone with flashing beacons operated periodically during the day to indicate when children are scheduled to arrive or leave school.

7B.15 School Speed Limit Assembly (S4-1,S4-2,S4-3,S4-4,S4-6,S5-1)

When a 20-mph school speed zone is established in accordance with ORS 811.111, the School Speed Limit Assembly shall be used. **Oregon Revised Statutes specify two conditions under which different supplemental plaques may be used on the School Speed Limit Assembly as shown on the following page.**

A 36" School Speed Limit assembly shall be used on all 4-lane highways and rural highways. A 24" assembly may be used on urban 2-lane streets.

The beginning point of the reduced school speed limit should be at least 200 feet in advance of school grounds or a school crossing unless otherwise determined by engineering study.

7B.16 Reduced Speed School Zone Ahead Sign (S4-5,S4-5a)

In areas where the posted speed is 40 mph or higher, a REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD (S4-5) sign may be used. If used, this sign should be placed 150 to 250 feet prior to the School Zone (S1-1) sign.

General Information

For recommendations and guidance on the appropriate use and locations of signs in school zones, use the ODOT Traffic-Roadway Section publication "A Guide to School Area Safety" with the layouts provided on sheets 7-4 through 7-16.