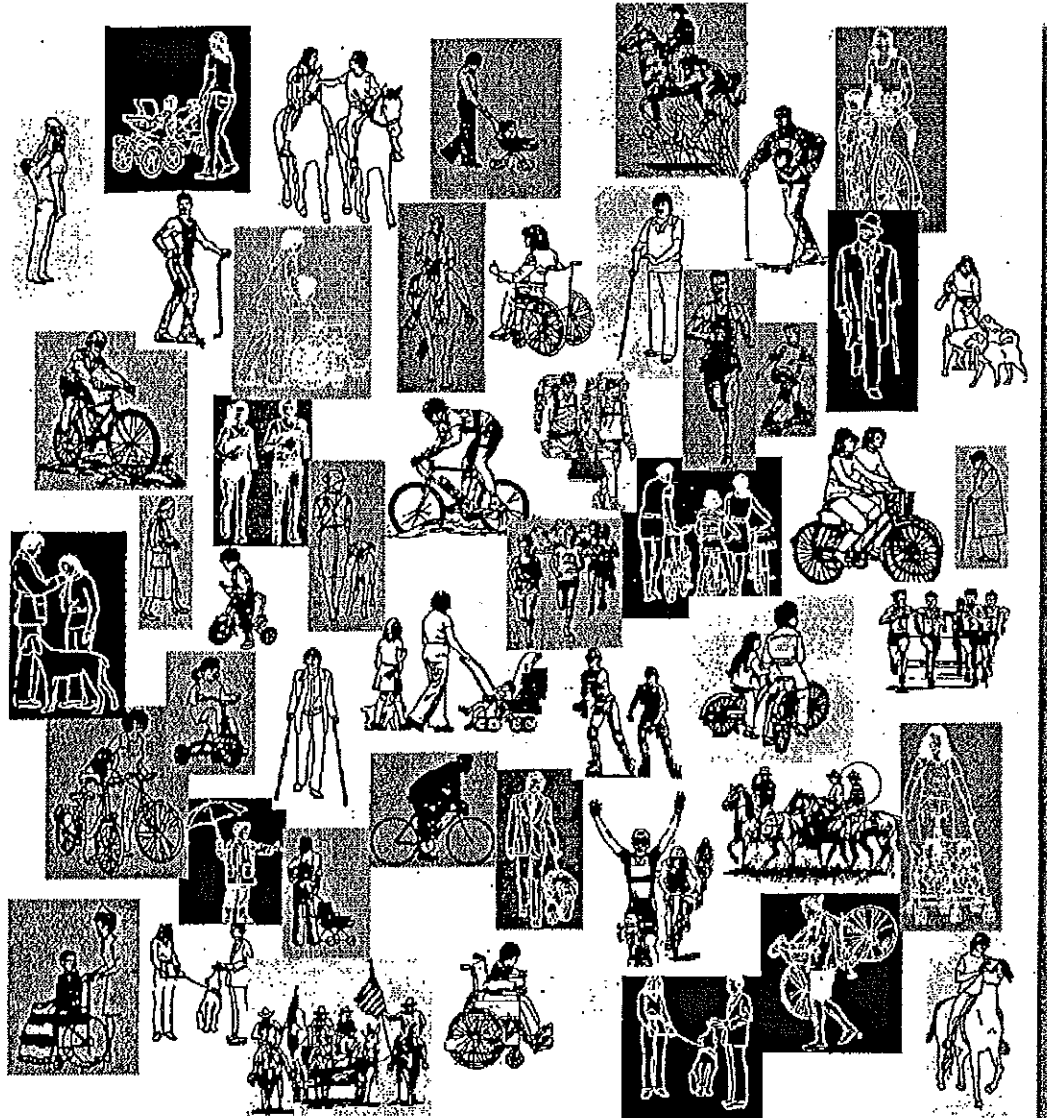




# Sign Guidelines



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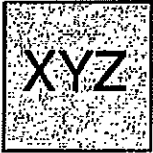
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# Typical Sign Colors S-1

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White letters / Red background: Stop or prohibition



Black letters / Bicycle Yellow background: General warning (except construction and maintenance zones)



Black letters / White background: Regulatory signs



Black letters / Orange background: Warning or guidance in construction and maintenance zones



White letters / Blue background: Services information and allowable use signs



White letters / Brown background: Guide and information signs related to points of recreational or cultural interest



White letters / Green background: Route markers, guide signs, and mileposts

Sign Colors follow the conventions used for streets and highways (source: *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways*, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration).

## Regional Trail Identity Signs

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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail



Monterey-Yosemite State Trail



Benito-Clara Trail



San Francisco Bay Trail

Source: Association of Bay Area Governments - Bay Trail Project



Bay Area Ridge Trail

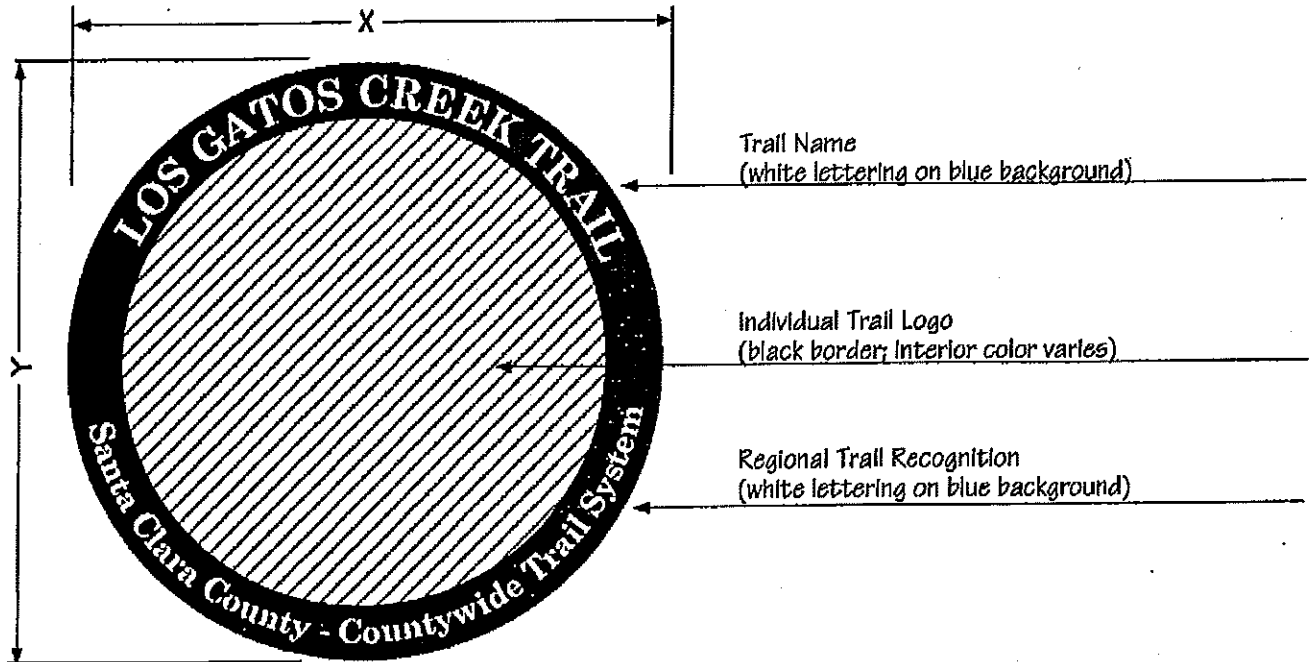
Source: Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

**Related Policies: UD 4.3.1.1**

Regional Trail Identity Signs are available through the sponsoring agency. Signs typically are available in two large and small, and dimensions vary. Regional Trail Identity Signs are placed on Trail Entrance Signs (see Figure S-5) and Trail Entrance Bollards (See Figures S-5-) and Trail Mile Marker and Direction Signs (see Figure S-6).

# Sub-Regional Trail Logos S-3

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Dimension	Trail Entrance Bollard (See Fig. S-5)	Trail Entrance Sign (See Fig. S-4)
X	3", 4", or 6" (75 mm, 100 mm, or 125 mm)	1'-6" (0.6 m)
Y	3", 4", or 6" (75 mm, 100 mm, or 125 mm)	1'-6" (0.6 m)

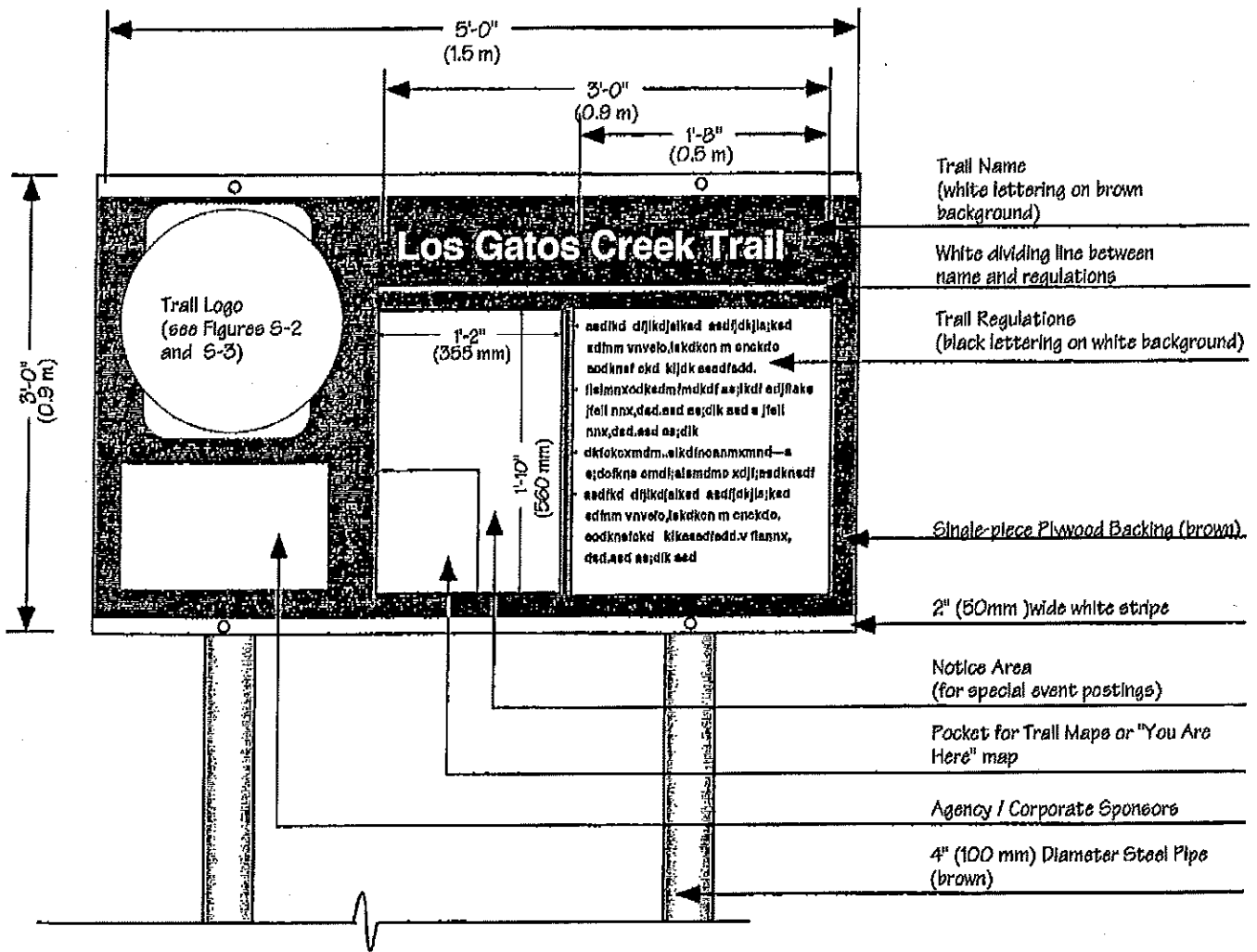
### Countywide Sub-Regional Trail Routes

- Matadero Creek / Page Mill Trail
- Stevens Creek Trail
- Guadalupe Trail
- Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Coyote Creek / Liagas Creek Trail
- West Valley Trail
- Morgan Hill Cross-Valley Trail
- San Martin Cross-Valley Trail

Identity Logos should be located at all staging areas, countywide trails intersections, intersections with other trails as deemed appropriate by the managing agency, and intersections with roads. Sub-Regional Trail logos are placed on Trail Entrance Signs (see Figure S-4) and Trail Entrance Bollards (See Figures S-5) and Trail Mile Marker and Direction Signs (see Figure S-6).

# S-4 Trail Entrance Sign

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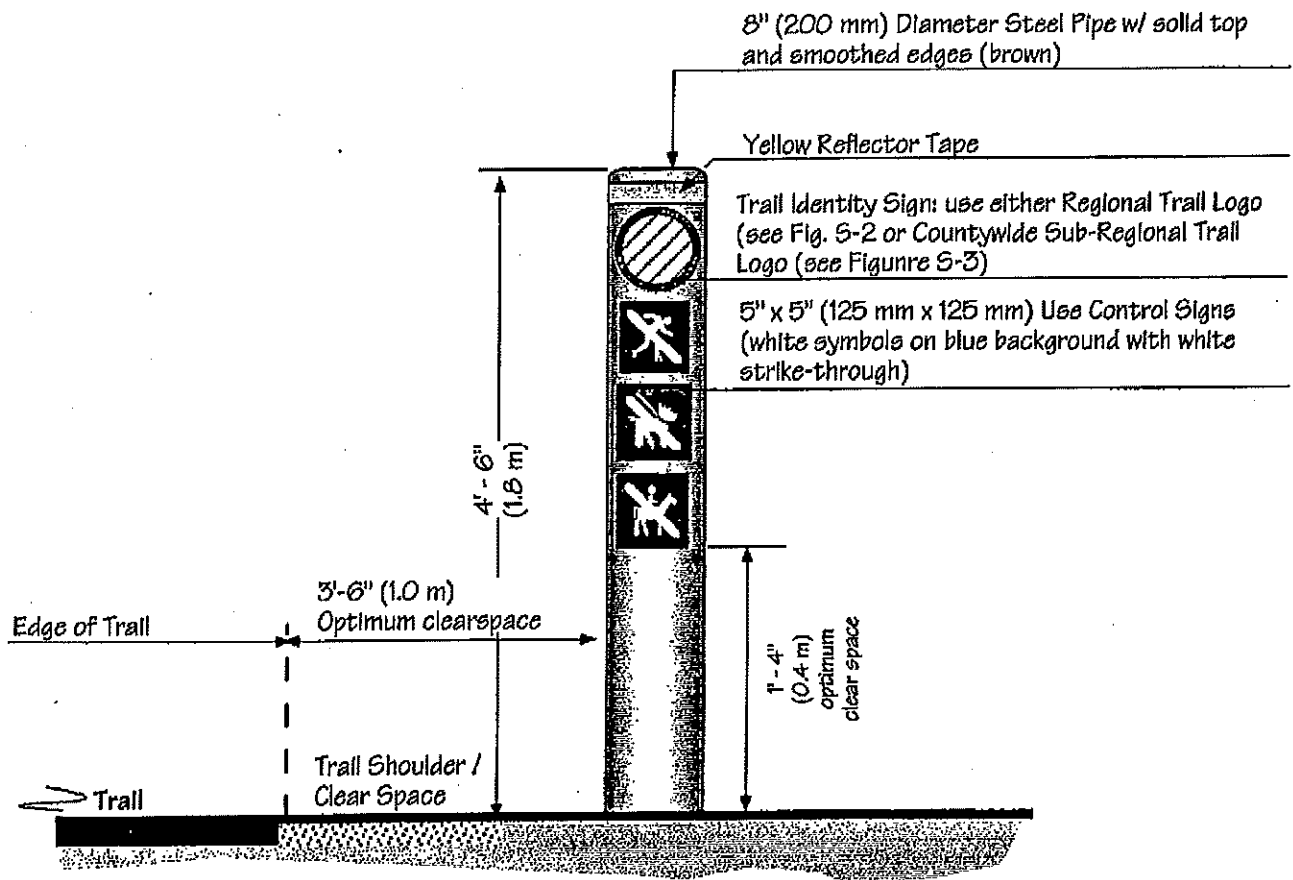
Note: all lettering to be a minimum of 18-point size.

Related Policies: UD-4.3.1.1; UM-3.3; UM-1.4.3

Trail Entrance Signs at major entry and staging areas announce the trail and is visible from nearby parking/staging areas. Information presented includes applicable use and management regulations with references to appropriate governing ordinances. For neighborhood access points refer to Figures S-5 and S-6.  
**Placement:** At the beginning or entrance to the trail an optimum of 10 feet (3.0 m) away from the trail shoulder (Note: access to the sign should be accommodated for all trail users)

# Trail Entrance Bollards and Use Control Signs S-5

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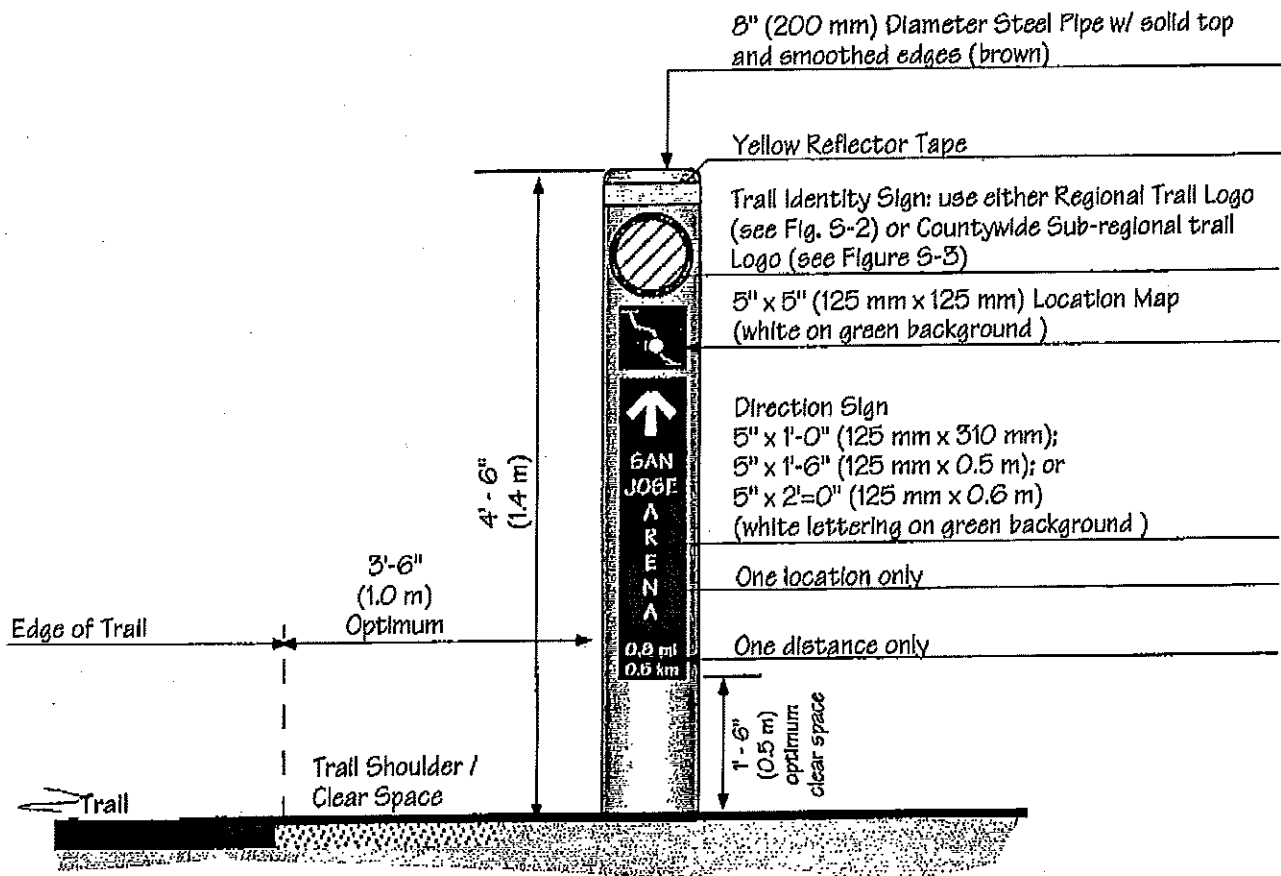
Related Policies: UD-1.3.2.2; UD 4.3.1.2; UM 1.3.1

Trail Entrance Bollards and Allowable Use Signs portray which types of trail use are appropriate and permitted on the trail. Use signs should be placed at each entrance to a trail from a street, sidewalk, or parking area.

Placement: Within 25' of a trail intersection with a street, sidewalk or parking area.

## S-6 Trail Mile Marker and Direction Signs

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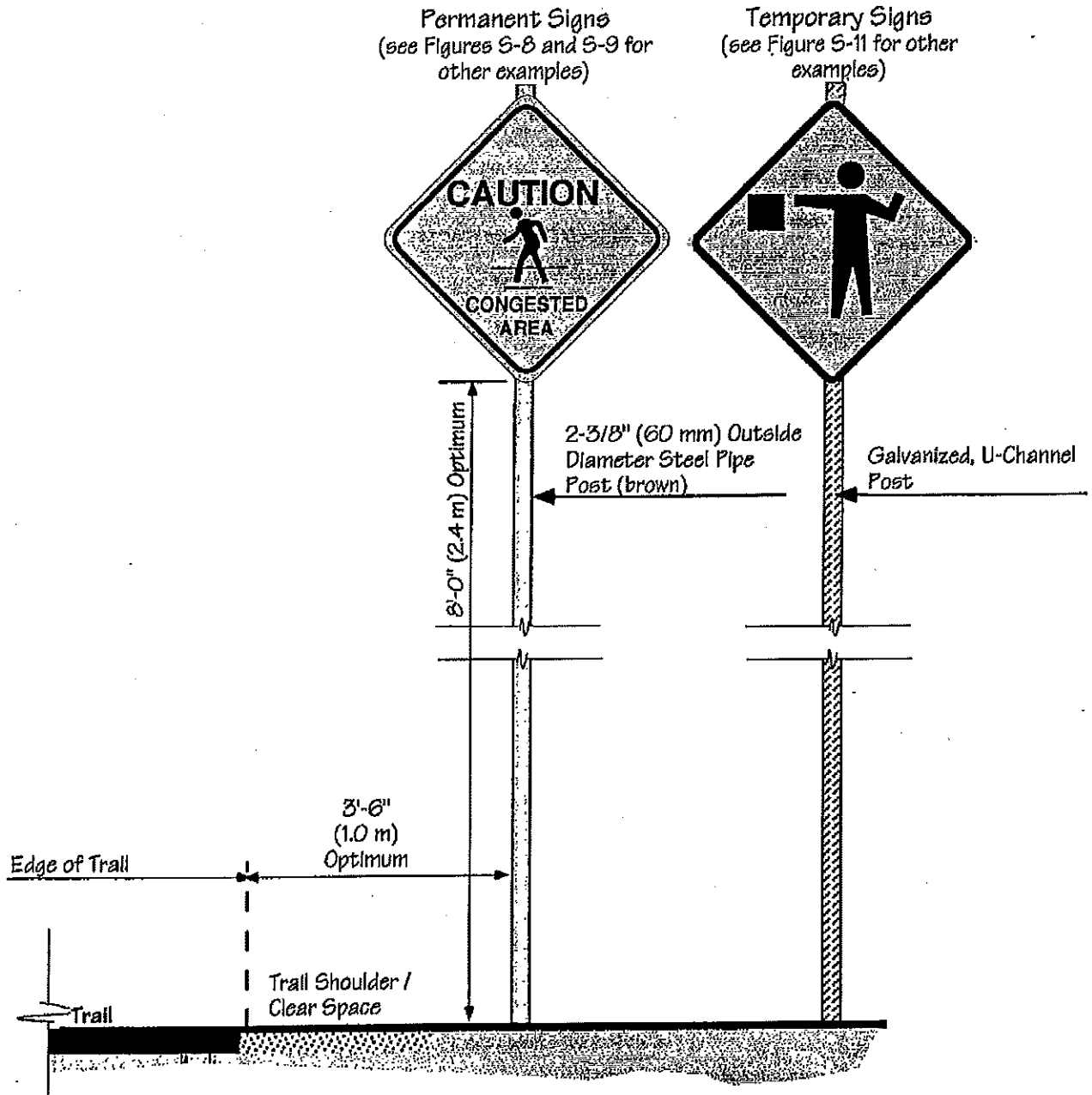


### Related Policies: UD-4.3.1.3

Mile Marker / Direction Signs provide information to the trail user about distances along the trail and distances to points of interest. Mile markers can be provided independently from information about points of interest. Placement: If used, mile marker signs should be placed at regular intervals (such as every 1/2 mile / 0.8 km.) and be based on distinct beginning and ending points of the trail.

# Trail Management Sign Posts S-7

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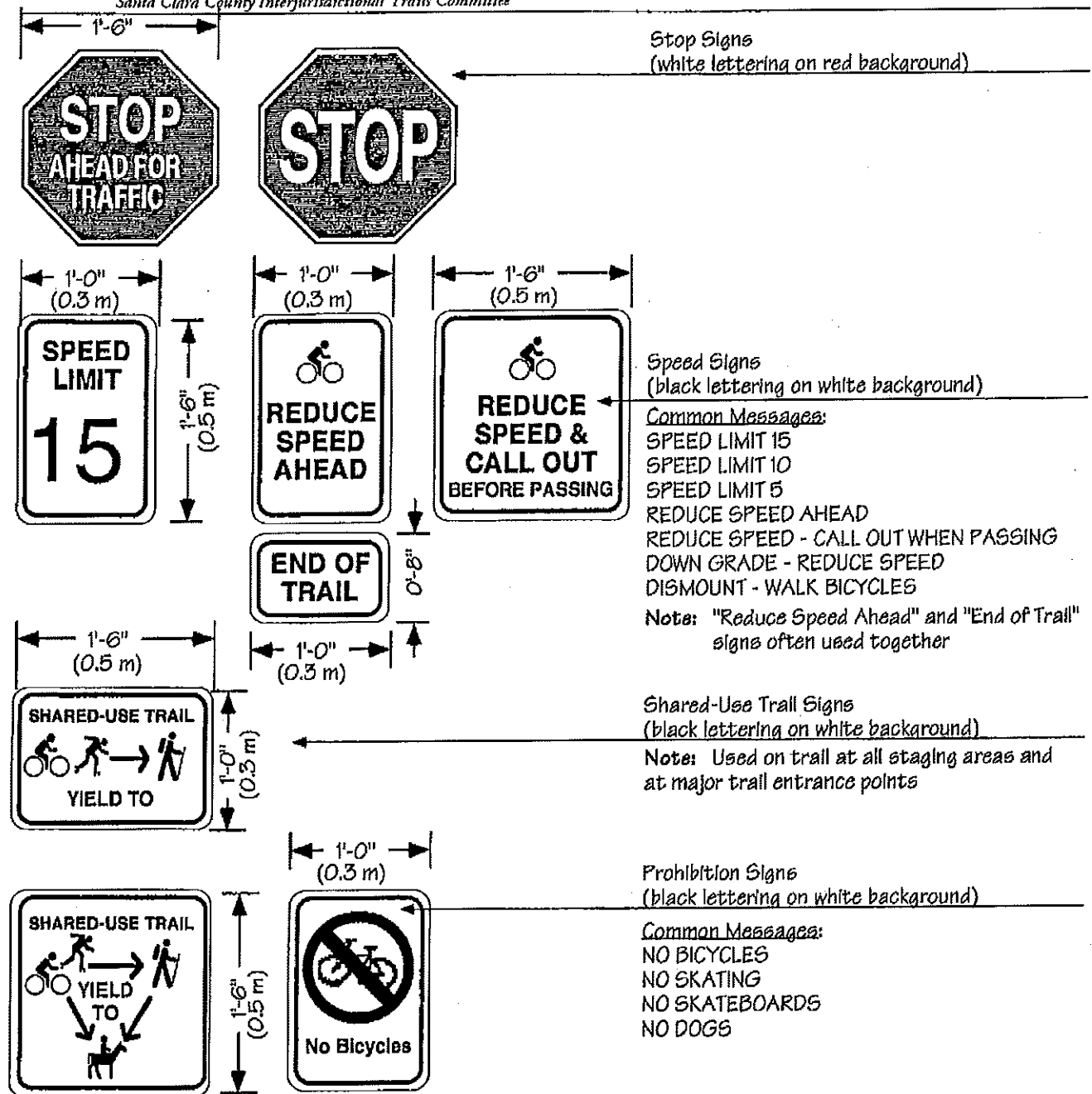


Related Policies: UD-2.2; UD-2.5



## S-8 Trail Regulatory Signs

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Related Policies: UD-2.2; UD-2.5; UD-4.3.1.4

Trail Regulatory Signs provide information to trail users about rules and regulations that affect trail use such as: the need to stop; reduce speed; dismount and walk bicycles; trail endings; use restrictions during the fire season; and the hierarchy of yielding among trail users. If sight distances are less than 100' (30.4m), reduced speed limits should be considered. Where a trail must pass under a bridge and optimum horizontal dimensions (see Figure T-16) are not possible, safety / regulatory signs should be used to reduce speeds or dismount if necessary.

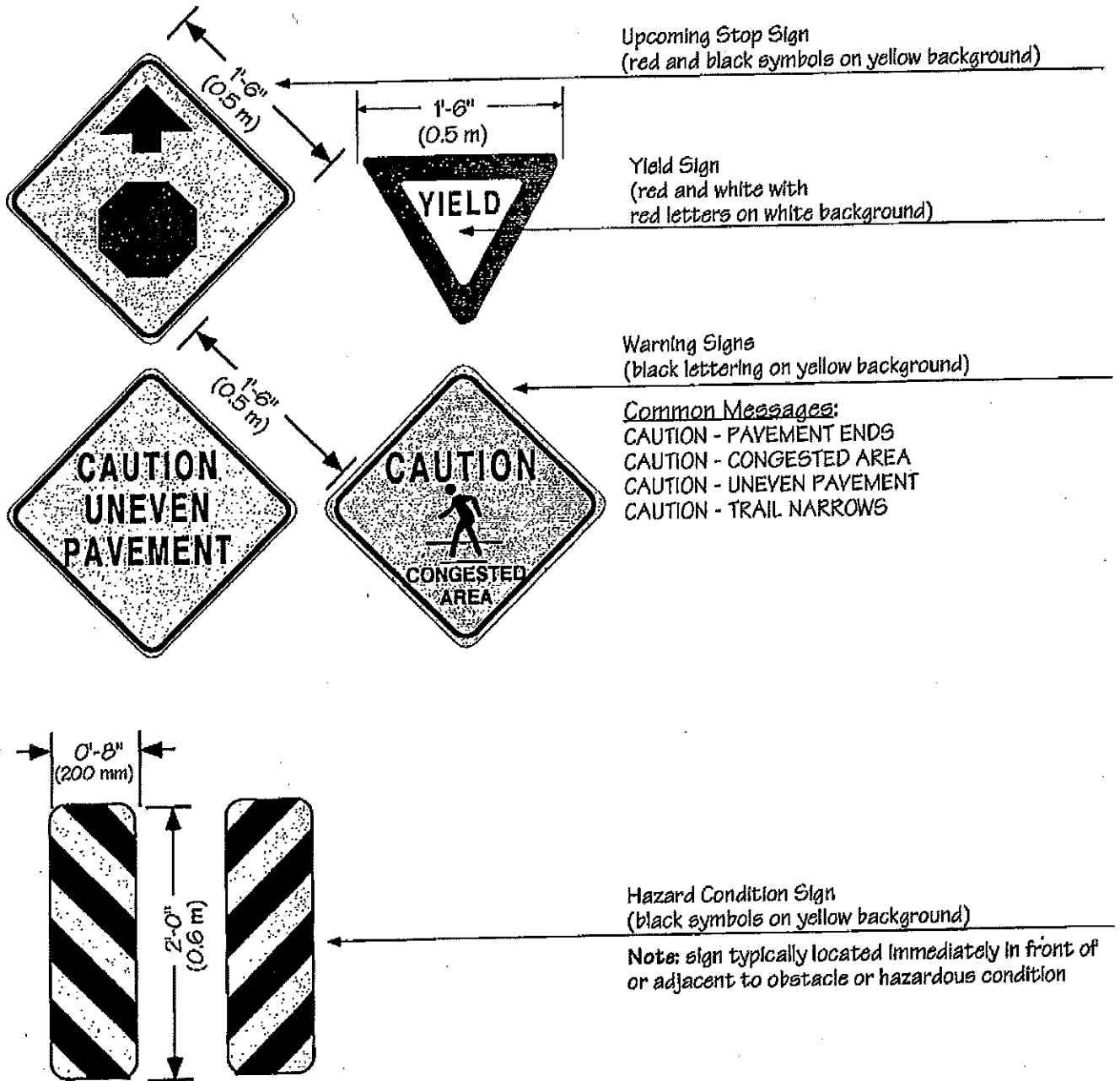
**Placement:** Location may vary based on circumstances; optimally at least 100' (30.4m) before any event. Reference also:

- Highway Design Manual (HDM); Chapter 1000 - Bikeway Planning and Design; Topic 1004 - Uniform Signs, Markings and Traffic Control Device. California State Department of Transportation.
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Highway Safety.

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# Trail Safety Signs S-9

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**Related Policies:** UD-2.2; UD-4.2.1; UD-4.3.1.5; UM-1.3.2; UM-1.4.1

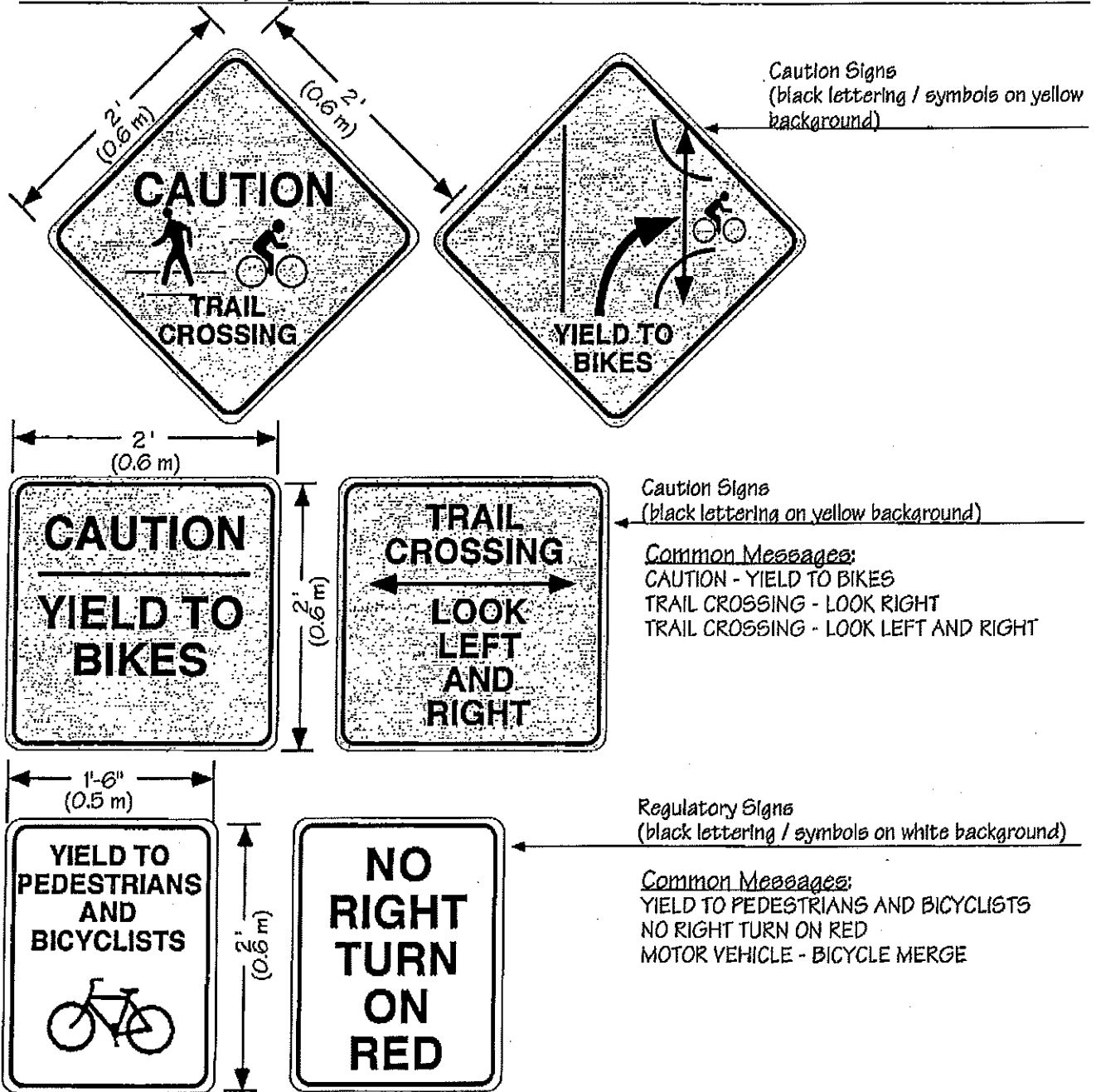
Safety Signs display warnings of such items as upcoming obstacles, street intersections, blind curves, vertical clearances and special wildlife conditions. If sight distances on curves, around hills or buildings or through densely vegetated areas are less than 100 (30.4 m) feet, safety signs should be considered. Where a trail must pass under a bridge and optimum horizontal dimensions (see Figure T-16) are not possible, safety signs should be placed on either side of the undercrossing involved to inform trail users of such conditions.

- Placement: Location may vary based on circumstances; optimally at least 100' before any event. Reference also:
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# S-10 Roadway Regulatory and Safety Signs

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## Related Policies: UD-4.3.1.5

Road Signs can be caution signs used to alert vehicles on the street system about an upcoming trail crossing or regulatory signs used at intersections where typical crosswalks or signal controls are not sufficient to safely manage traffic/trail conflicts.

Placement: Caution signs generally placed erect in the standard position on the right of road; 250 feet to 750 feet in advance of trail crossing. Reference also:

- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Highway Safety.