WAC 468-95-055 "MUTCD Part VI."

Certain portions of the 1988 Edition of the *MUTCD, Revision 3, Part VI, Standards and Guides for Traffic Controls for Street and Highway Construction, Maintenance, Utility, and Incident Management Operations,* **published September 3, 1993, by the Federal Highway Administration, are amended herein.**

(1) In Section 6F-1, Signs, the seventh paragraph from the section's beginning is revised to read as follows:

Guidelines for height and lateral clearance of temporary post-mounted roadside signs are shown in figure VI-5. Signs erected at the side of the road should be mounted at a height of at least 7 feet in urban areas and 5 feet in rural areas, measured from the bottom of the sign to the near edge of the pavement. The height to the bottom of a secondary sign mounted below another sign may be 1 foot less than the appropriate height specified above.

(2) Figure VI-5, Height and Lateral Location of Signs -Typical Installation.

The seven foot minimum mounting height in the illustration for a rural district is revised to a five foot minimum; and, the six foot minimum mounting height in the illustration for a rural district with advisory speed plate is revised to a four foot minimum.

(3) Table VI-3, Suggested Advance Warning Sign Spacing, in Subsections 6F-1 and 6H-3 is replaced by the following:

	SIGN SPACING (1)	
Freeways & Expressways	55/65 MPH	1500' ± Or as per MUTCD
Rural Roads	45/55 MPH	500' ±
Rural Roads & Urban Arterials	35/40 MPH	350' ±
Rural Roads, Urban Streets, Residential & Business Districts	25/30 MPH	200' ± (2)

(1) All spacings may be adjusted to accommodate interchange ramps, at-grade intersections, and driveways.

(2) This spacing may be reduced in urban areas to fit roadway conditions.

(4) Subsection 6F-1 (b)(6), ROAD (STREET) WORK Sign (W20-1), is revised to read as follows:

The ROAD (STREET) WORK sign should be located ahead of the work space or detour, to serve as a general warning of obstructions or restrictions. It carries the legend ROAD (STREET) WORK (1,500) FT or ROAD (STREET) WORK (1/2) MILE. It may be used in conjunction with appropriate distance legends, or with other warning signs. The word CONSTRUCTION may be used in lieu of the word WORK in the sign message, prior to July 1, 1996 for construction projects or prior to July 1, 1998 for maintenance activities.

(5) Subsection 6F-6(b), Interim Markings, is revised to read as

follows:

Interim pavement markings are those that may be used until it is practical and possible to install pavement markings that meet the full MUTCD standards for pavement markings. Normally, it should not be necessary to leave interim pavement markings in place for more than 2 weeks, except on roadways being paved with bituminous surface treatment (BST) and having traffic volumes under 2,000 ADT. All interim pavement markings, including pavement markings for no-passing zones, shall conform to the requirements of sections 3A and 3B with the following exceptions:

- (1) All interim broken-line pavement markings shall use the same cycle length as permanent markings and be at least 4 feet long, except that half-cycle lengths with a minimum of 2 foot stripes may be used for roadways with severe curvature (See Section 3A-6). This applies to white lane lines for traffic moving in the same direction and yellow center lines for two-lane roadways when it is safe to pass.
- (2) For those interim situations of 14 calendar days or less for a two- or three-lane road, no-passing zones may be identified by using signs rather than pavement markings (See sections 3B-4, 3B-5, and 3B-6). Also, signs may be used in lieu of pavement markings on low-volume roads for longer periods, when this practice is in keeping with the state's or highway agency's policy. These signs should be placed in accordance with sections 2B-21, 2B-22, and 2C-38.
- (3) The interim use of edgelines, channelizing lines, lane reduction transitions, gore markings and other longitudinal markings, and the various non-longitudinal markings (stop line, railroad crossings, crosswalks, words, symbols, etc.) should be in keeping with the state's or highway agency's policy.

(6) Subsections (1) through (5) shall become effective on January 10, 1996.

[Statutory Authority: <u>Chapter 34.05 RCW</u> and <u>RCW 47.36.030</u>. 95-23-097 (Order 154), § 468-95-055, filed 11/21/95, effective 1/10/96.]