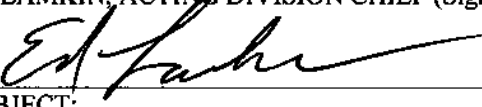


POLICY DIRECTIVE

TR-0011 (REV 9/2006)

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ED LAMKIN, ACTING DIVISION CHIEF (Signature) 	DATE ISSUED: Revised November 15, 2012	EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2012
SUBJECT: Inclusion of the following new regulatory signs in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) per Senate Bill (SB) 240, and display of message on fixed Changeable Message Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (R110(CA)) Sign • MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING (R111(CA)) Sign • Display “MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW” on fixed Changeable Message Signs 	DISTRIBUTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All District Directors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Traffic Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Maintenance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Design <input type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Transportation Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Chief, Division of Engineering Services <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Counsel, Legal Division <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publications (California MUTCD Website) www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/ca_mutcd.htm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Headquarters Division Chiefs for: <u>Construction, Maintenance, Design, Public Affairs</u> 	
DOES THIS DIRECTIVE AFFECT OR SUPERSEDE ANOTHER DOCUMENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, DESCRIBE	
WILL THIS DIRECTIVE BE INCORPORATED IN THE CALIFORNIA MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, DESCRIBE Adopt new Section 2B.112(CA) of the CA MUTCD Changes to Section 6F.108(CA) of the CA MUTCD	

DIRECTIVE

SB240 was signed into law by the Governor to amend California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21809. The purpose of this directive is to implement SB 240 by updating existing administrative law.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the California Department of Transportation (Department) in Section 21400 and 21401 of the CVC, the following new signs shall be included in Parts 2 and 6 of the CA MUTCD, dated January 13, 2012.

California Code	CA MUTCD Code	Title of the sign	CA MUTCD Section
R110(CA)	None	MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES	2B.112(CA)
R111(CA)	None	MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING	6F.108(CA)

POLICY DIRECTIVE**IMPLEMENTATION**

In this section, for purposes of clarity, italic text is used to denote text that is being added to the California MUTCD. All other formatting as defined under the Definitions section of this Policy Directive is still applicable.

The following policies shall be included in the California MUTCD:

Section 2B.112(CA) MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (R110(CA)) Sign

Option:

01 The MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (R110(CA)) sign may be used to inform road users of the State's MOVE OVER Law, CVC 21809. This sign may be used only within freeway facilities.

Section 6F.108(CA) CAUTION FREQUENT STOPPING AND BACKING STAY BACK 100 FEET (SC21(CA)) Sign and MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING (R111(CA)) Sign

Option:

01 For mobile operations, CAUTION FREQUENT STOPPING AND BACKING STAY BACK 100 FEET (SC21(CA)) sign may be mounted on a work vehicle to warn road users and workers of the frequent stopping and backing maneuvers made by the vehicle.

02 On freeways for lane and/or shoulder closures, incident management, and for short duration work, the MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING (R111(CA)) sign may be temporarily displayed on the back of a work vehicle to warn and regulate road users to move over or slow when passing work vehicles displaying a flashing amber lights within or adjacent to the State highway.

DELEGATION

No new delegations of authority are created under this policy.

BACKGROUND

The revision of existing signs and inclusion of new signs in the California MUTCD is a common practice based upon need. The Department, pursuant to CVC Section 21400; must conduct public hearings before it can revise existing policies for traffic control devices and approve new signs for use on public roadways. The California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) is the forum used to satisfy this requirement.

POLICY DIRECTIVE**BACKGROUND (Continued)**

The Department wants freeway users to know about a new law signed by the governor that requires motorists to move over or slow down when they see Department vehicles displaying flashing amber lights.

The original law, SB 1610, which established CVC 21809, did not include Department vehicles.

The new law, SB 240 (State Senator Roderick Wright), adds the Department vehicles displaying flashing amber lights to the list of vehicles for which motorists must slow down and, if safe, move over to a lane not immediately adjacent to the stationary vehicle.

“Our goal is to do everything we can to keep our highways safe,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Motorists must slow down, watch out for highway workers, and safely move over a lane when they see flashing amber lights on Caltrans or other emergency vehicles.”

Since 1924, 178 Caltrans workers have lost their lives in the line of duty. On July 23, 2009, Caltrans worker Don Lichliter was struck and fatally injured by a passing truck on Highway 99 in Lodi. He was with another worker applying a fertilizer treatment to keep eucalyptus trees healthy. Their truck was parked on the shoulder.

To date, 48 other states have enacted similar laws requiring motorists to move over or slow down. Violation of the new provision is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50. The new law also makes the safety protections permanent by removing the sunset date (January 1, 2010) from existing law.

The Department experienced three highway worker fatalities within a 48-day period between May and June 2011. In response to these fatalities, Caltrans launched a statewide media campaign on Monday, July 11, 2011 to generate awareness and to educate the traveling public of their responsibility to comply with the terms of the law. Changeable message signs were used to display instructions to “SLOW OR MOVE OVER FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW.” The implementation of a roadside highway sign describing the law to move over or slow for stationary emergency vehicles displaying emergency flashing lights, or tow trucks and California Department of Transportation vehicles displaying flashing amber lights should be implemented immediately. This fixed sign will educate the traveling public, encourage compliance with the law, and promote highway safety. Implementing a regulatory sign that displays a “MOVE OVER OR SLOW” message promotes awareness and reinforces the responsibility of the traveling public to comply with Section 21809 of the CVC.

The Department requested the CTCDC, at their February 16, 2012 meeting, to recommend the adoption of both new signs. The CTCDC reviewed and recommended adoption of the R111(CA) sign at that meeting, and recommended adoption of the R110(CA) sign at their May 24, 2012 meeting.

The Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the proposed modifications to the CA MUTCD and has determined that they are in substantial conformance with the CA MUTCD.

POLICY DIRECTIVE

This policy will be retired when it is incorporated in the next revision of the CA MUTCD.

It is worth noting that displaying traffic regulations and safety messages such as “MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW” are included in the existing policies of CA MUTCD Section 2L.02 Applications of Changeable Message Signs. No new policy or policy changes are needed for CMS applications.

DEFINITIONS

When used in this Traffic Operations Policy Directive, the text shall be defined as follows:

- 1) **Standard** – a statement of required, mandatory, or specifically prohibited practice. All standards text appears in **bold** type. The verb “**shall**” is typically used. Standards are sometimes modified by Options.
- 2) Guidance – a statement of recommended, but not mandatory, practice in typical situations, with deviations allowed if engineering judgment or engineering study indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All Guidance statements text appears in underline type. The verb “**should**” is typically used. Guidance statements are sometimes modified by Options.
- 3) Option – a statement of practice that is a permissive condition and carries no requirement or recommendation. Options may contain allowable modifications to a Standard or Guidance. All Option statements text appears in normal type. The verb, “**may**” is typically used.
- 4) Support – an informational statement that does not convey any degree of mandate, recommendation, authorization, prohibition, or enforceable condition. Support statements text appears in normal type. The verbs “**shall**,” “**should**,” and “**may**” are not used in Support statements.

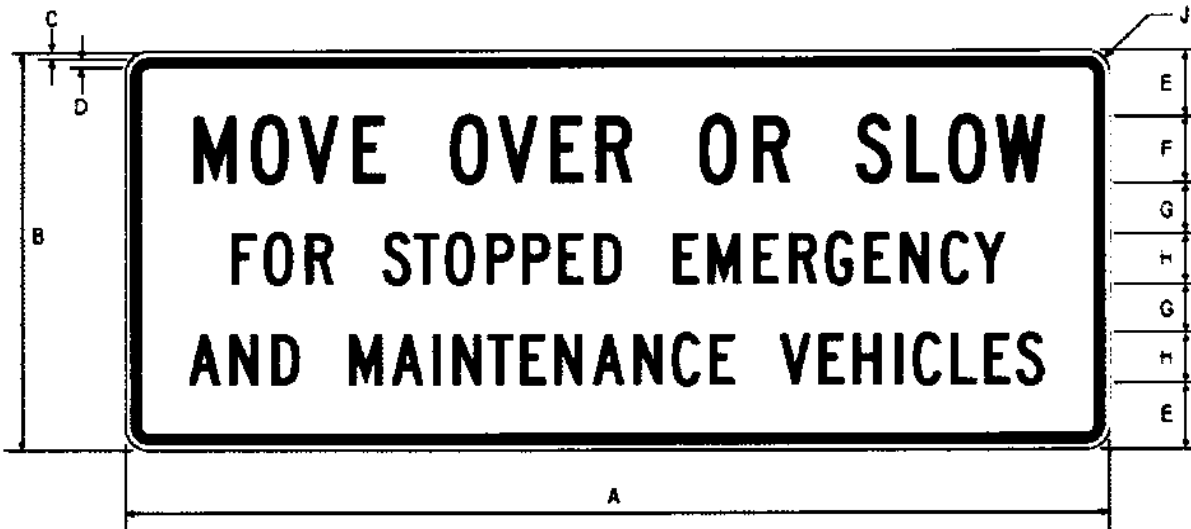
ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Proposed sign specification for MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (R110(CA)) signs.
- 2) Proposed MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING (R111(CA)) signs.
- 3) Example of “MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW” Safety Campaign message display on CMS signs.

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Attachment 1: Proposed sign specification for MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (R110(CA)) Sign

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



R110 (CA)

ENGLISH UNITS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
120	48	75	125	8	8C	6	6C	3

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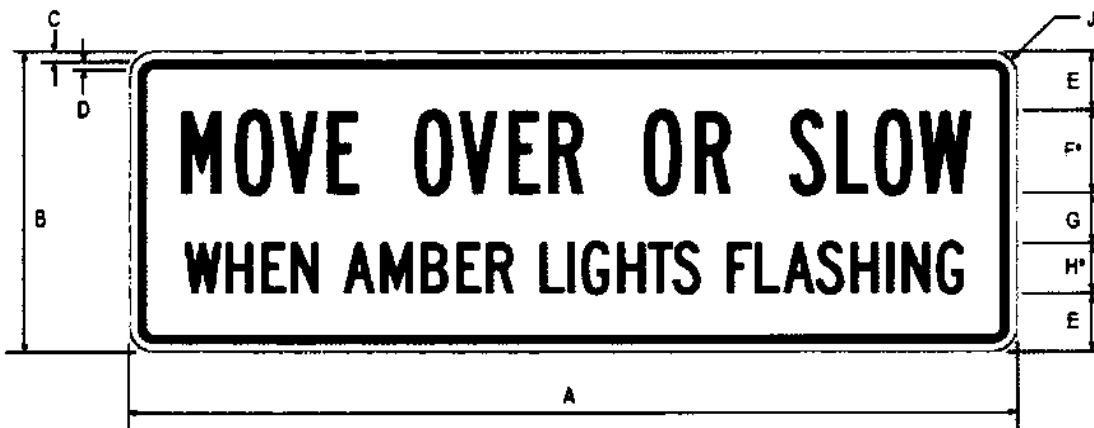
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Attachment 2: Proposed MOVE OVER OR SLOW WHEN AMBER LIGHTS FLASHING (R111(CA)) sign

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FOR VEHICLE TAILGATE USE ONLY

R111 (CA)

ENGLISH UNITS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
54	18	375	5	35	58	3	3C	15

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Attachment 3 (Page 1 of 2):

Traffic Operations
“MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW” Safety Campaign
October 14–19, 2012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The CMS will display the message: “MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW” starting the morning of Sunday, October 14 and continuing through the evening of Friday, October 19.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Janice Benton W: 916-654-5176
 Larry Wooster W: 916-654-6104
 Rafiq Al-Khalili W: 916-653-7169

DATES

The CMS will be activated Sunday, October 14, 2012 and run through Friday, October 19, 2012. (6 days).

TIMES

The CMS should be activated during the following periods:

DATES	DAY	TIME ON	TIME OFF
October 14–19, 2012	Sun–Fri	0600	2000

CMS MESSAGE

MOVE OVER OR SLOW FOR WORKERS IT’S THE LAW

Note: No flashing messages

MEDIA

(N/A)

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PROTOCOLS

This message shall be preempted when the CMS is needed for any of the following: emergency notifications, AMBER alerts, incidents, major closures, or travel times.

CMSs selected to display travel times are at locations that are decision points for commute drivers. Approximately 15 percent of the total CMS statewide display travel times during the morning and evening commute hours.

CMSs that are experiencing technical problems, in areas that have negative traffic impact or that cause additional congestion should not be utilized.

Close communication between law enforcement and Caltrans is necessary to assure the use of these elements is not contributing to negative traffic impacts.

REPORTS

The total number of signs and hours activated, as well as any complaints or issues from the public, should be submitted by Friday, October 26, 2012 to Rafiq Al-Khalili at <rafiq_al-khalili@dot.ca.gov> with a courtesy copy to Larry Wooster at <larry_wooster@dot.ca.gov>.