

# M4-8

## Detour

**CATEGORY**

Detour Signs

**SHAPE**

Rectangle (Horizontal)

**COLOR**

Orange background, black legend (temporary traffic control use)

**TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE**

24" x 12" (route marker / plaque)

**COMMON TCP PLACEMENT**

Along the detour route at each decision point

**CA MUTCD REFERENCE**

CA MUTCD Part 6, Chapter 6F, and Part 2D (Guide Signs)

### FIELD USE NOTES

Identifies an approved detour route, marking the path drivers should follow around a closure when used with directional arrows. In the field, M4-8 Detour is typically positioned at the along the detour route at each decision point. Common deployments include marking the detour route around a closure; mounted with M4-9 directional arrows at decision points; used with W20-2 DETOUR AHEAD advance warning. Always confirm its size, retroreflective sheeting, spacing, and placement against the CA MUTCD 2026 and the reviewing agency before finalizing the traffic control plan.

**Official MUTCD reference:** [https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-shs\\_2024.htm](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-shs_2024.htm)