

# R4-9a

## Stay in Lane to Merge Point

**CATEGORY**

Regulatory Signs

**SHAPE**

Rectangle

**COLOR**

White background, black legend

**TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE**

Per CA MUTCD minimum for the roadway type

**COMMON TCP PLACEMENT**

Advance warning area, ahead of the work

**CA MUTCD REFERENCE**

CA MUTCD Part 2B (Regulatory Signs)

### FIELD USE NOTES

The R4-9a Stay in Lane to Merge Point sign is a California MUTCD regulatory sign. It is shown here as an educational reference with the official FHWA Standard Highway Signs layout and California sizing guidance. In the field, R4-9a Stay in Lane to Merge Point is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include used where stay in lane to merge point conditions apply on a California project; selected and sized per the CA MUTCD and the roadway type; coordinated with the overall traffic control plan and permit. 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)