

W20-1(CA)

Road Work Ahead (California)

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

SHAPE

Diamond

COLOR

Fluorescent orange background, black legend

TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE

48" x 48" on conventional roads; 60" x 60" on expressways and freeways

COMMON TCP PLACEMENT

Advance warning area, ahead of the work

CA MUTCD REFERENCE

CA MUTCD Part 6 (Temporary Traffic Control), Chapter 6F; warning-sign design in Part 2C

FIELD USE NOTES

The California application of the ROAD WORK AHEAD warning, reflecting CA MUTCD and Caltrans conventions for legend, size, and fluorescent orange sheeting in work zones. In the field, W20-1(CA) Road Work Ahead (California) is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include caltrans and local-agency work zones in California; sized per Caltrans sign specifications for the road type; fluorescent orange sheeting for work-zone 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