

# W4-2

## Lane Ends Merge Left

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

**SHAPE**

Diamond

**COLOR**

Orange background, black symbol (temporary traffic control use)

**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

Uses a symbol to warn that a travel lane is ending and that traffic must merge in the indicated direction where the roadway narrows. In the field, W4-2 Lane Ends Merge Left is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include lane reductions and merging tapers in work zones; supplements W20-5 series lane-closure signs; used where a lane is permanently dropped near work. 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)