

W9-2

Lane Ends

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

SHAPE

Diamond

COLOR

Orange background, black legend (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

A word-message warning that a travel lane is ending ahead, telling drivers the number of through lanes will be reduced. In the field, W9-2 Lane Ends is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include lane reductions ahead of a closure; supplements the W4-2 lane-ends symbol; used on higher-speed approaches needing extra notice. 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