

# Foreword

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This edition of the Sign Fabrication Manual has been prepared to assist sign fabricators, both public and private, in maintaining a uniform appearance of official highway signs.

The highway signs illustrated herein represent the signs currently in use in Washington State. Included are the signs contained in the Federal Standard Highway Signs Book and additional signs approved for use within the state. A section has also been included, for use in conjunction with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, to assist designers with sign layouts.

Warning signs that are utilized for temporary traffic control shall have an orange (retroreflective) background with black (non-reflective) legend, borders, and/or symbols.

In this edition, most signs are drawn without horizontal dimensioning for layouts. Fabricators are to optically center layouts to achieve a balanced sign.

Letter fonts and colors are to be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Standard Color Tolerance Charts are \$60 per color chart; or \$300 for a set of 6 color charts. Contact: Hale Color Charts, Inc., 3709 Ocean View Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Telephone: 800-777-1225. On the Web at: [www.halecolorcharts.com](http://www.halecolorcharts.com).

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