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D4-2 Park-Ride Sign Guidance

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D4-2 PARK AND RIDE SIGN

JUSTIFICATION

The Park and Ride Sign (D4-2) shall be authorized for use to guide motorists to Park and Ride Facilities. If the function of the parking lot is to serve carpool riders, the carpool symbol should be used as indicated on Figure 1. However, on conventional and arterial roadways, if the function of the parking lot is to provide parking for persons using public transportation, the local transit logo should be included on a supplemental plaque, and if both carpooling and public transportation are served by the parking lot, both the local transit logo on a supplement and carpool symbol should be used. Local transit logos shall not be used on interstates and expressways.

DESIGN

The signs shall contain the word message “PARK-RIDE” and direction information. Park-Ride signs may include the local transit logo on conventional and arterial roadways in the logo’s standard colors. To increase the target value and contrast of the logo, it may be necessary to include the logo within a white border or use a white background for the logo. In no case shall the vertical dimension of the logo exceed 18”. When used, the transit logo should be placed on a supplemental plaque below D4-2 as shown in Figure 2.

A supplemental station name plaque may be added below the Park and Ride sign to provide additional guidance. The final determination of whether or not to install a supplemental station name plaque lies with the CDOT Regional Traffic Engineer.

PLACEMENT

The D4-2 sign should be placed on major thoroughfare at the nearest point of access to the public parking facility and elsewhere where it can help traffic seeking the Park and Ride area. Generally, it should not be used more than four blocks from the parking lot.

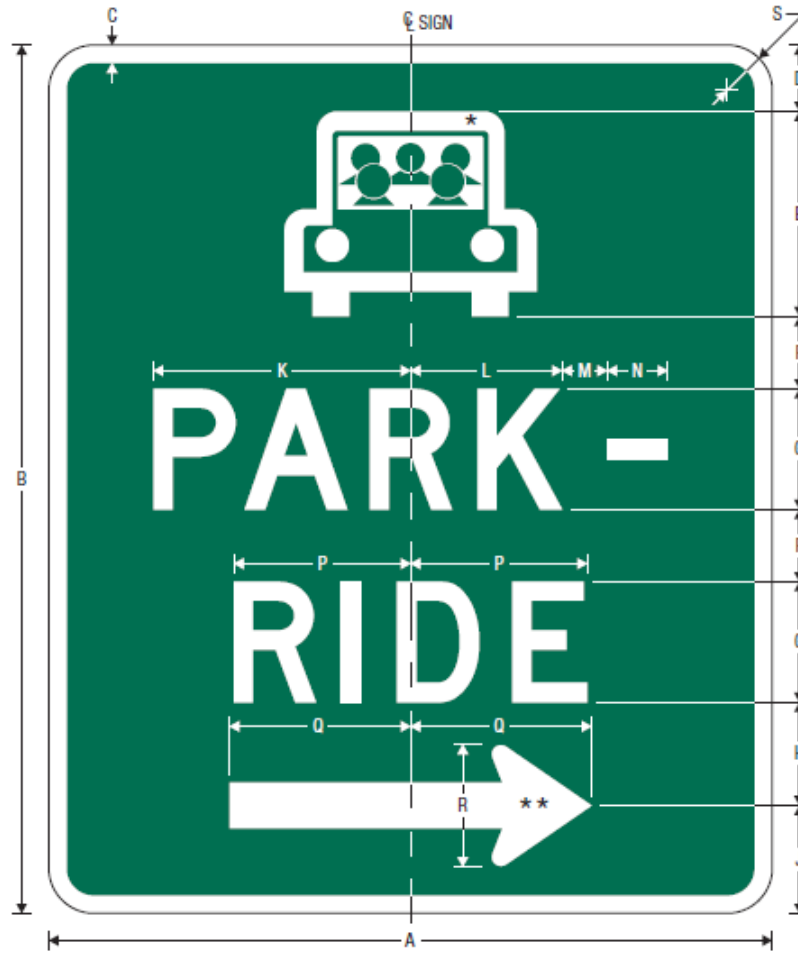
SIZE

The standard size of D4-2 sign shall be 36” x 48”. The 30” x 36” may be used on minor highways or in urban areas where there is insufficient room for the standard size.

Figure 1 – 2012 FHWA Standard Highway Signs Supplement Sign D4-2

https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/SHSe/shs_2004_2012_sup.pdf page 263

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D4-2
PARK-RIDE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M
24	30	0.625	2.5	7	2.5	4 D***	3.5	4	8.525	5.025	1.5
30	36	0.75	2.75	8.5	3	5 D***	4.25	4.5	10.657	6.281	1.875
36	48	0.875	4	11	4.5	6 D***	6.063	6	12.913	7.412	2.5

N	P	Q	R	S
2	5.859	6	4	1.5
2.5	7.323	7.5	5	1.875
3	8.788	9	6	2.25

* See page 6-42 for symbol design.
 ** See page 6-2 for arrow design.
 *** Increase character spacing 25%.

COLORS: LEGEND, BORDER – WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)
 BACKGROUND – GREEN (RETROREFLECTIVE)

Figure 2 - Sign D4-2 with Supplemental Plaque



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