

R11-3b: Bridge Out – Local Traffic Only

- A is the horizontal dimension of the sign.
- B is the vertical dimension of the sign
- C is the inset from the edge of the sign to the border.
- D is the border width.
- E is the distance from the top of the first line to the top of the sign.
- F is the letter height and FHWA standard font for the first line.
- G is the space between the lines.
- H is the letter height and FHWA standard font for the second line.
- J is the letter height and FHWA standard font for the third line.
- K is the distance from the bottom of the last line to the bottom of the sign.
- L is the distance from the vertical center of the sign to the left edge of the first word on the first line.
- M is the distance from the vertical center of the sign to the right edge of the first word on the first line.
- N is the space between the words on the first line.
- P is the width of the second word on the first line.
- Q is the distance from the vertical center to the left and right edges of the second line.
- R is the width of the number on the second line.
- S is the space between the words on the second line.
- T is the distance from the vertical center of the sign to the left edge of the first word on the second line.
- U is the width of the second word on the second line.
- V is the width of the first word on the third line.
- W is the space between the words on the third line.
- X is the distance from the vertical center of the sign to the left edge of the second word on the third line.
- Y is the distance from the vertical center of the sign to the right edge of the second word on the third line.
- Z is the width of the third word on the third line.
- AA is the corner radius.

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Standard Dimensions

Width (W)	Varies with legend
Height (H)	36"–60" tall
Shape	Rectangle (Horizontal)
Minimum size	48" × 30"

Standard Sizes (MUTCD)

Nominal	Dimensions	Typical Use
Conventional	24"–48" tall	City, county, and conventional state roadways
Expressway	36"–60" tall	Expressways
Freeway	48"–72" tall	Freeways

Mounting & Reflectivity

- Urban: 7 ft min. to bottom of sign.
- Rural: 5 ft min. to bottom of sign.
- Lateral: 6–12 ft from edge of traveled way.
- Sheeting: high-intensity or diamond-grade retroreflective.

Notes

Warns that a bridge ahead is out (impassable) and that only local traffic should proceed toward it, with through traffic using an alternate route. Verify final size, placement, legend, and retroreflective sheeting against the current CA MUTCD, Caltrans Sign Specifications, and the reviewing agency before fabrication.

Specifications

Standard Shape	Rectangle (Horizontal)
Background Color	White
Legend / Symbol	Black legend
Border	Black
Reflectivity	High Intensity (for nighttime visibility)
Compliance	MUTCD / CA MUTCD

References

MUTCD / CA	CA MUTCD Part 2B (Regulatory Signs) and
FHWA SHS	FHWA Standard Highway Signs, 2024 (11th
Source	Caltrans Sign Specifications / Standard Plans