

M4-8

Detour

**CATEGORY**

Detour Signs

SHAPE

Rectangle (Horizontal)

COLOR

Orange background, black legend (temporary traffic control use)

TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE

24" x 12" (route marker / plaque)

COMMON TCP PLACEMENT

Along the detour route at each decision point

CA MUTCD REFERENCE

CA MUTCD Part 6, Chapter 6F, and Part 2D (Guide Signs)

FIELD USE NOTES

Identifies an approved detour route, marking the path drivers should follow around a closure when used with directional arrows. In the field, M4-8 Detour is typically positioned at the along the detour route at each decision point. Common deployments include marking the detour route around a closure; mounted with M4-9 directional arrows at decision points; used with W20-2 DETOUR AHEAD advance warning. 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