

# W20-1(CA)

## Road Work Ahead (California)

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

**SHAPE**

Diamond

**COLOR**

Fluorescent orange background, black legend

**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

The California application of the ROAD WORK AHEAD warning, reflecting CA MUTCD and Caltrans conventions for legend, size, and fluorescent orange sheeting in work zones. In the field, W20-1(CA) Road Work Ahead (California) is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include caltrans and local-agency work zones in California; sized per Caltrans sign specifications for the road type; fluorescent orange sheeting for work-zone 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](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-shs_2024.htm)