

W4-1

Merge

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

SHAPE

Diamond

COLOR

Orange background, black symbol (temporary traffic control use)

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

Uses a symbol to warn that two lanes of traffic are merging into one, alerting drivers in both lanes to yield and merge safely. In the field, W4-1 Merge is typically positioned at the advance warning area, ahead of the work. Common deployments include contraflow and crossover merge points; two-to-one tapers where both lanes carry traffic; lane drop approaches in active construction. 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