

Southwest Michigan Bikeway (“Map 7”) Sign Guidelines (Draft 1-28-18)



Primary Bikeway Sign Conceptual Model (M1-8a)

Location: Jurisdiction borders, start and end of route
 Before and after turns
 Far side of major intersections

Spacing: As needed to confirm routing; reduce confusion

Size: 18” wide by 24” tall

Comments: Preferred for routes shown on KATS Map 7; not recommended elsewhere (possible exception: routes approved to connect Map 7 destinations with other MPOs)
 Jurisdictions currently using Bike Lane (e.g., R3-17) or D11- series signs not required to replace existing signs.
 Sign shown currently recommended; subject to change.



D1-1a



D1-2a



D1-3a



M5-1



M6-1

Destination / Distance / Direction Placard Signs

D1-1a, D1-2a, D1-3a

Location: Immediately under Bikeway sign on same post

Spacing: As needed approx. every mile; at turns/route junctions

Size: 18” wide by 6” tall per line

Comments: Destination is agreed-on jurisdictional to/from node
 Should be used for routes mapped in KATS “Map 7,” sharing post with Bikeway model or existing signage
 May be used on other bike routes per MMUTCD
 May bolt on additional destinations, up to three per post
 Font size per available room
 May be posted under last Bikeway sign prior to a somewhat lengthy “gap” in the network, to help bridge gap and form connection with next Bikeway sign or node
 Distances = miles to node or intra-jurisdictional route

Arrows

Location: Used to mark turns when D1 series is not posted
 Immediately under Bikeway sign on same post

Spacing: As needed

Size: 12” wide by 9” tall

Comments: M5 series: “Advance Turn Arrow;” M6 series: “Directional Arrow”
 Advance arrow signs typically placed at least 50 feet from the beginning of the condition.

Specifications / Notes

- Guidelines recommended by Kalamazoo Region Bike Route Cmte; they supplement, not replace, MMUTCD; signs / sign series not mentioned above used per MMUTCD and other prevailing agreed-upon conventions.
- Colors, reflectivity and fonts assumed to be standard per MMUTCD unless otherwise allowed.
- Primary sign is to be agreed-upon using a collaborative process. Three M1-8a sign options should be made available:
 - Standard: Standard Logo (“bike wheel”), bike symbol, text at bottom (“Southwest Michigan Bikeway” without further customization)
 - Standard + Jurisdiction Name plaque: 6” tall x 18” wide plaque
 - Standard + Custom Logo area: Standard Logo with Custom Logo denoting jurisdiction/agency paying for the sign, as may be acceptable per the MMUTCD*. *Examples: jurisdiction/agency name wrapped above Standard Logo, printed within a broader white border, jurisdiction/agency insignia instead of Standard Logo, combination text and insignia, etc.
- Primary signs on MDOT roads are limited to options 3a and 3b, above.
- Sign text on roads bordering governmental units to read per purchasing unit’s *other* “Bikeway” signs; maintenance to be covered by existing formal agreements.