ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS & PAVEMENT MARKINGS

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Signs that inform road users of traffic laws and regulations which, if disregarded, will constitute an offense.

1. PRIORITY SIGNS

**STOP SIGN** - driver must stop at designated STOP LINE. No parking within 6 meters.

**GIVE WAY SIGN** - yield to the vehicles on right side of intersection.

**LEFT TURNER MUST GIVE WAY**
A. REGULATORY

2. DIRECTION SIGNS

These signs indicate the only direction(s) in which the motorist is obliged to follow.

VEHICLES MAY PASS EITHER SIDE

- **NO TURNS**
- **ONE WAY**
- **KEEP RIGHT**
- **ALL TRAFFIC**
- **MERGING TRAFFIC**
- **TWO WAY**
- **SALUBONG NA TRAPIKO**
- **RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT**
- **LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT**
A. REGULATORY

3. PROHIBITIVE/RESTRICTIVE SIGNS

These signs indicate the only direction(s) in which the motorist is obliged to follow.

NO ENTRY for all vehicles.

NO CARS

NO JEEPNEYS

NO BUSES

NO TRUCKS

NO BICYCLES

NO MOTORCYCLES

NO TRICYCLES

NO VEHICLES WITH TRAILER

NO ANIMAL DRAWN VEHICLES

NO PUSHCARTS
A. REGULATORY

3. PROHIBITIVE/RESTRICTIVE SIGNS

NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - pedestrians are not allowed to cross the road.

USE OVERPASS OR USE PED XING - pedestrians must use an overpass or pedestrian crossing.

NO RIGHT TURN or NO LEFT TURN - vehicles are not allowed to turn left or right.

NO U TURN - vehicles are not allowed to make a U-TURN.

NO OVERTAKING ZONE
A. REGULATORY

4. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

MAXIMUM SPEED RESTRICTION

60 100

END OF SPEED RESTRICTION

MINIMUM SPEED RESTRICTION

40 min.
A. REGULATORY

5. PARKING AND STOPPING SIGNS

NO PARKING

NO PARKING: TOW-AWAY ZONE - parked vehicle will be towed.

NO STOPPING OR PARKING ANYTIME WITHIN THE YELLOW BOX

RIGHT TURNER CROSS AT BROKEN LINES - vehicles from the left lane may cross the broken line to turn right within the BUS/PUJ zone.

No parking allowed in the following zones:

BUS STOP ZONE  BUS-PUJ STOP ZONE  PUJ STOP ZONE
A. REGULATORY

5. PARKING AND STOPPING SIGNS

ALLOWABLE PARKING AND LOADING ZONE
AT A GIVEN TIME AND PLACE

NO PARKING ON FIRE HYDRANT WITHIN
4 METERS

NO WAITING ANYTIME

NO WAITING

NO STOPPING ANYTIME

NO LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE
6. MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS

LOAD AND DIMENSION RESTRICTION SIGNS

- No entry for vehicles with more than 2 meters of width.
- No entry for vehicles with 3.5 meters in height.
- No entry for vehicles with more than 10 meters in length.
- No entry for vehicles with gross vehicle mass of more than 5 tons
- No entry for vehicles with gross axle load of more than 2 tons

USE SEAT BELT sign is used pursuant to R.A. 8750, the Seat Belt Law.

NO BLOWING OF HORNS
A. REGULATORY

6. MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS

- Be aware of pedestrian crossing
- Be aware of children crossing
- Bike lane ahead
- Be aware of persons with disability crossing
B. WARNING

Signs used to warn motorists of potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to the road. It advise motorists of road conditions that require caution and may call for a reduction in speed, in the interest of safety and that of other road users.

1. HORIZONTAL SIGNS

These signs are used to indicate the type of road curve ahead of the motorist.

- Sharp Turn
- Reverse Turn (Double Bend)
- Curve (Double Curve)
- Reverse Curve
- Winding Road
- Hairpin Bend
B. WARNING

2. INTERSECTION SIGNS

Signs when one approaches an intersection or junction.

INTERSECTION AHEAD

T-JUNCTION

Y-JUNCTION

SIDE ROAD JUNCTION

APPROACH TO INTERSECTION

APPROACH TO INTERSECTION SIDE ROAD

APPROACH TO INTERSECTION MERGING TRAFFIC

ROUNDABOUT AHEAD (ROTUNDA)
B. WARNING

3. ADVANCE WARNING / TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE SIGNS

Signs when one approaches an intersection or junction.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AHEAD
driver must not park or stop within six (6) meters of this sign as it reduces visibility for other drivers.

STOP SIGN AHEAD

GIVE WAY SIGN AHEAD
4. ROAD WIDTH SIGNS

Sign used at a sudden change of road width either narrowing or widening of carriageways.

NARROW BRIDGE AHEAD

ROAD NARROWS AHEAD

2-WAY ROAD AHEAD

END OF 2-WAY ROAD AHEAD
5. ROAD OBSTACLE SIGNS

- OPENING BRIDGE AHEAD
- UNEVEN ROAD AHEAD
- HUMP AHEAD
- DOWNHILL SIGN
- UPHILL SIGN
- FLOOD-PRONE AREA
- LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREA
- SLIPPERY WHEN WET
- SPILL WAY
- ANIMAL CROSSING AHEAD
- LOW FLYING PLANE ZONE
B. WARNING

6. PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

PEDESTRIANS CROSSING AHEAD

BE AWARE AND STOP FOR CHILDREN CROSSING AHEAD

BE AWARE AND STOP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AHEAD

ADVICE TO PEDESTRIAN TO CROSS AT DESIGNATED AREAS

BE AWARE AND SLOWDOWN ON BIKE LANE AHEAD
B. WARNING

7. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING SIGNS

RAILROAD CROSSING VEHICLES MUST STOP OR GIVE THE RIGHT OF WAY

RAILWAY CROSSING ADVANCE WARNING

ALTERNATIVE RAILWAY CROSSING POSITION IN AN AREA THAT CAN BE EASILY SEEN
B. WARNING

8. SUPPLEMENTARY SIGNS

- **Preferred Maximum Speed**
  - During normal, weather, traffic conditions
  - PREFERRED MAXIMUM SPEED

- **Indicates the Distance from the Hazard**
  - ON SIDE ROAD
  - ADDITIONAL SIGN ON ROAD WORKS AHEAD
  - NEXT km
  - km

- **When Wet**
  - WHEN WET combined with the Slippery Road warning sign.

- **Other Warning Signs**
  - FOR BUSES
  - FOR PUJ
  - FOR PUJ / BUSES
  - BLIND
  - AGED
  - SCHOOL
  - DISABLED
  - PLAY GROUND

9. OTHER WARNING SIGNS

- **Vertical Clearance**
  - Clearance 5.20m
  - Maximum height of a vehicle must be 5.2 meters or less

  - Low Clearance 4.80m
  - Maximum height of a vehicle must be 4.8 meters or less
C. GUIDE OR INFORMATIVE
Inform and advise road users about the directions, distances, routes, the location of services for road users, and point of interest.

1. ADVANCE DIRECTION SIGNS
These signs indicate the only direction(s) in which the motorist is obliged to follow.

- **Monumento**
  - **Manila**
  - **Pateros**
- **Bataan**
- **SOUTH SUPER HWY**
  - **Pasay City**
  - **Alabang**
- **Lipa City**
  - **San Jose**
  - **Palanca**
- **Pasay City Intramuros Port Area**
C. GUIDE / INFORMATIVE

2. INTERSECTION DIRECTION SIGNS

Visible in less than 1 kilometer before an intersection.

- Manila 95
- Batangas
- Manila Legaspi
- North Diversion Road
- Manila 95

3. REASSURANCE DIRECT SIGNS

Approximate distance of a particular exit.

- Angeles 70
- Baguio 156
- South Super HWY
- San Pablo 10
- San Jose 90
C. GUIDE / INFORMATIVE

4. FINGER BOARD AND DIRECTION SIGNS

Provide directions to towns, scenic attractions, geographical interests, at less important intersections

- **LEGA SPI CITY 16**
- **LIPA RD**
- **PAGSANJAN FALLS**

5. STREET NAME SIGNS

Informs the road users the names of roads and streets they are passing or entering.

- **QUEZON AVE**
- **BONIFACIO DR**
- **RODRIGUEZ SR BLVD**
- **ROXAS BLVD**
- **R MAGSAYSAY BLVD**
- **MABINI ST**

- **TAFT AVE 1-350**
- **BONIFACIO DR 1-350**
- **KALAYAAN AVE GUILLERMO AVE**
C. GUIDE / INFORMATIVE

6. TOWN NAMES AND GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE SIGNS

Signs that convey the general information of interest, such as geographical locations.

- BATANGAS
- MOUNTAIN PROVINCE
- LAGUNA DE BAY
- MAKATI CITY
- PASIG CITY

7. SERVICE SIGNS

- SERVICE CENTER
- WEIGHBRIDGE STATION
- TURN LEFT
- GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER
- Additional icons for services like food, rest areas, information, and facilities.
C. GUIDE / INFORMATIVE

8. TOURIST INFORMATION AND DESTINATION SIGNS

- **FORT SANTIAGO**
- **TAAL LAKE**
- **NATIONAL MUSEUM**: Turn Right 300 m
- **SCENIC LOOKOUT**: 300 m on right

9. ROUTE MARKERS

Identification route number of arterial and national highway and direction of the route.

In the Philippines, distance is measured from Zero Kilometer Post in each Province which should be somewhere near the Provincial Building. In Luzon, distance is measured between each Provincial Zero KM Post and the Zero Kilometer Post is in Luneta Park, Manila.
Our country has been assigned the Asian Highway route number AH26. This identify general direction of arterial roads of the Asian Highways that have significance as ‘through’ routes.
D. SIGNS ON EXPRESSWAYS

These signs are essential for the driver to have an advance information to ensure that they can position their vehicles in the correct lanes.

1. EXPRESSWAY APPROACH SIGNS

The sign is installed in advance or at the nearest intersection or interchange leading to the expressway.

2. EXPRESSWAY INFORMATION SIGNS

TOLL CHARGES
Sign that inform motorists the amount of toll charges required to pay at the toll plaza.

PROHIBITED ON EXPRESSWAY
Advance information that prohibits travelling on expressways.

LANE DIRECTION SIGNS
These are used to guide the motorists into correct lanes leading to an intersection or an interchange.
D. SIGNS ON EXPRESSWAYS

3. ADVANCE EXIT SIGNS
Placed in advance of an exit toll.

- **Calamba**
  - EXIT 2 km

- **Alabang**
  - EXIT 1 km
  - RIGHT LANE

- **Alabang**
  - NEXT EXIT

4. EXPRESSWAY EXIT DIRECTION SIGNS
Exit signs posted overhead before the exit ramp of interchange.

- **San Fernando Olongapo**
  - EXIT

- **EXIT**

- **EXIT**

- **NEXT EXIT**
  - 4 km
D. SIGNS ON EXPRESSWAYS

5. EXPRESSWAY SERVICE SIGNS

Signs to services on or off expressways such as rest area and other services.

DISTANCE AND DIRECTION TO REST AREAS

DISTANCE AND DIRECTION TO VARIOUS EXPRESSWAY SERVICES
D. SIGNS ON EXPRESSWAYS

6. START AND END OF EXPRESSWAY

![Start Expressway](image)
![End Expressway](image)
![End Expressway 1 km](image)
![End Expressway 2 km](image)

7. EXPRESSWAY TRAFFIC INSTRUCTION AND REGULATORY SIGNS

These special signs are normally seen exclusively for expressways.

![Wrong Way](image)
![Reduce Speed Now](image)
![Right Lane Ends 500 m](image)
![Check Brakes](image)

Special signs that can be seen 200 meters from the toll exit

![Merge Left](image)
![Merge Left](image)
![Right Lane Ends Merge Left](image)
![Lane Ends Merge Left](image)
E. TRAFFIC INSTRUCTION SIGNS

These signs instruct the motorists to follow a direction or to obey a course of action. It is in conjunction with regulatory or warning signs to form a standard treatment, and to support the operation of traffic rules.

1. SUPPLEMENTARY SIGNS

- **USE OVERPASS**
- **USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**
- **TRUCKS USE LOW GEAR**

2. MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION SIGNS

- **REDUCE SPEED**
- **STOP HERE ON RED SIGNAL**
- **TURN RIGHT ANYTIME WITH CARE**
- **TURN LEFT WITH CARE**

- **DRIVER MUST SLOW DOWN**
- **STOP ON A DESIGNATED STOP LINE**
- **VEHICLE MAY TURN LEFT OR RIGHT IF THE INTERSECTION IS CLEAR**

- **SLOW VEHICLES USE RIGHT LANE;**
- **MABAGAL NA SASAKYAN MAMALAGI SA KANAN**
E. TRAFFIC INSTRUCTION SIGNS

2. MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION SIGNS

LOW CLEARANCE AHEAD
4.8 m
HIGH VEHICLES
DETOUR

VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN 4.8 METERS IN HEIGHT MUST DETOUR

DETOUR FOR HIGH VEHICLES

DETOUR FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

GIVEWAY TO PEDESTRIANS

NO RIGHT TURN ON RED SIGNAL

NO THROUGH ROAD

DRIVER MUST GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS

TURN RIGHT ON GREEN LIGHT ONLY

APPROACHING DEAD END

ROAD CLOSED

FORM 1 LANE

ROAD IS CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES

DRIVER’S TO FORM ONE LANE ONLY

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR TRUCKS AND BUSES

MALIBAN KUNG LULUSOT means to stay on right lane unless passing the other vehicles.
F. HAZARD MARKERS

These are used to emphasize to the approaching driver a marked change in the direction of travel and the presence of an obstruction.

**CHEVRON SIGNS** guide drivers through a change in horizontal alignment of the road.

**ONE-WAY HAZARD MARKERS** indicate to the approaching driver the direction to be followed at the end of the road.

**TWO-WAY HAZARD MARKERS** warns the driver that the road ahead is about to change direction.

**SIGN USED ON A WIDE COLUMN OF AN OVERPASS STRUCTURE, MEDIAN ISLAND**

**WIDTH MARKER** narrowing vehicle width clearance

**OBSTRUCTION MARKERS** means road closure ahead
G. ROAD WORK SIGNS
PAVEMENT MARKINGS

They are in the form of lines, symbols, messages or numerals, and may be set into the surface of, applied upon, or attached to the pavement. In some cases, pavement markings are used as a supplement to other traffic control devices, such as traffic signals and road signs. It guides traffic or gives advance warning or may impose restrictions supported by traffic regulations.

A. LONGITUNAL LINES

1. CENTER LINE (OR SEPARATION LINE)- crossing of solid white lines requires special care and is discouraged.

2. LANE LINE- changing of lane is allowed provided that it is safe to do so and will not result to obstruction.

3. BARRIER LINE
   DOUBLE SOLID YELLOW LINES never cross to pass another vehicle unless permitted.
   BROKEN YELLOW LINE means passing is allowed
   BROKEN AND SOLID YELLOW LINES- overtaking is permitted on the side of the broken line but not on side of solid line.

SINGLE SOLID YELLOW LINE means overtaking is prohibited on both directions.

SOLID YELLOW LANE ON LEFT OF TRAFFIC DIRECTION- a driver must not stop at the side a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
A. LONGITUDINAL LINES

**CONTINUITY LINE** - when a driver see a continuity line on the left side means the lane is ending or exiting and that the driver must change lanes if the driver wants to continue in the current direction. Continuity lines on the right mean that the lane will continue unaffected.

**TRANSITION LINES** - are used to guide the traffic safely past obstructions on roadways such as islands, median strips, bridge piers or indicate changes in the width of the traveled portion of the roadway and an increase or reduction in traffic lanes.
B. TRAVERSE LINES

1. STOP LINES – vehicles are required to stop before the white line.

2. GIVE WAY or HOLDING LINES are markings consisting of a two adjacent broken white lines across the carriageway at which drivers must give way to all traffic in accordance with the standard sign.

3. PEDESTRIAN INTERSECTION
   NON-SIGNALIZED
   SIGNALIZED

4. ROUNDABOUT HOLDING LINES - vehicle within the rotunda have the right-of-way over vehicles which are just about to enter.
C. OTHER LINES

PARKING BAY is used to park but take note of PWD parking spaces.

LOADING AND UNLOADING BAY LANE LINE is an unbroken white line used to indicate the proper location of loading and unloading zone of public utility vehicles preferably with parking restriction.

DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION lines consist of yellow box within the intersection and yellow diagonal lines forming an “X” inside the box. The box should be open or no vehicle should stay inside the box to avoid obstruction to other vehicles.

TURN LINE is used to guide vehicles through a turning movement at intersections.

BUS AND PUJ LANE LINE is an unbroken yellow line used to separate other vehicles from buses and PUJ’s and supplemented by raised pavement markers on concrete pavements.
D. OBJECT MARKINGS

OBJECTS WITHIN THE ROADWAY

MARKINGS ON CURBS

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E. RAISED PAVEMENT MARKINGS

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F. OTHER MARKINGS

Curb Markings for Parking and Loading / Unloading Restrictions

APPROACH MARKINGS TO ISLANDS AND OBSTRUCTIONS
F. OTHER MARKINGS

CHEVRON markings are often used to guide traffic into the right turning lanes separated by an island, such as a corner island at a signalized intersection.

RUMBLE STRIPS are thermoplastic lane marking designed to aid and provide motorist with visual, audio and motion warnings on the road. Rumble Strips are highly visible horizontal lines on the road that produce a humming sound and ample bumpy ride to the motorists when ran over. Driver must slow down.

RAILROAD CROSSING AHEAD
F. OTHER MARKINGS

MOTORCYCLE LANES- lane allotted for motorcycle riders and can be shared by other vehicles. Riders are not allowed to stay on other lanes unless instructed by enforcers or the rider is turning into an intersection and must signal his/her intention within 100 meters.

BUS LANE - designated lanes for buses. Bus drivers are not allowed to use other lanes except when instructed by enforcers or when turning into an intersection.

PAVEMENT ARROWS - used for lane control and in white color.

FOR BICYCLES ONLY - painted in the pavement by a solid white line along either side of street.

SPEED LIMIT AT 60KPH - a speed limit of pavement markings to supplement the speed limit posted on the road side.