

“T” and “Y” Intersections

“T” intersections, especially in rural locations, may be unexpected by motorists and require appropriate warning signs. Sections 2C.09 and 2C.34 of the *MUTCD* describe Large Arrow signs (W1-6 and W1-7). These signs are horizontal and rectangular in shape with a yellow background, black symbol, and a standard 48 inch x 24 inch size. The large arrow (W1-6) warns of a sharp change in alignment for approaching drivers and is most commonly used on pronounced horizontal alignment changes. Please see the article “Curves and Hills” (C5) in this manual for description of this application.

The double-head arrow sign (W1-7) is effective in marking the terminus of “T” intersections. In addition, Section 2C.34 the *MUTCD* describes the “T” Symbol sign (W2-4), which can be used in advance of specific “T” intersections. This sign and other similar intersection warning signs (W2-1 through W2-6) should generally not be used on an approach where traffic is required to stop, nor where the intersection is channelized, nor where junction signing or advance-turn arrows are present. The following figures illustrate suggested signing for “T” intersections.



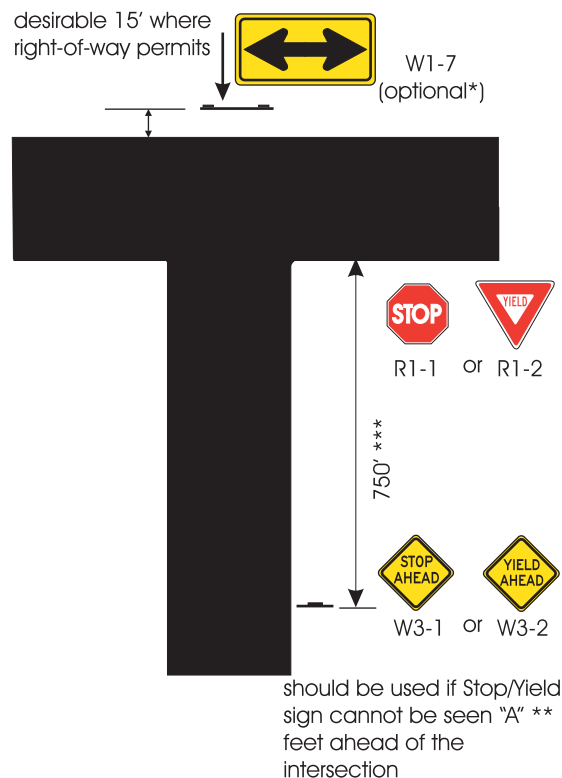
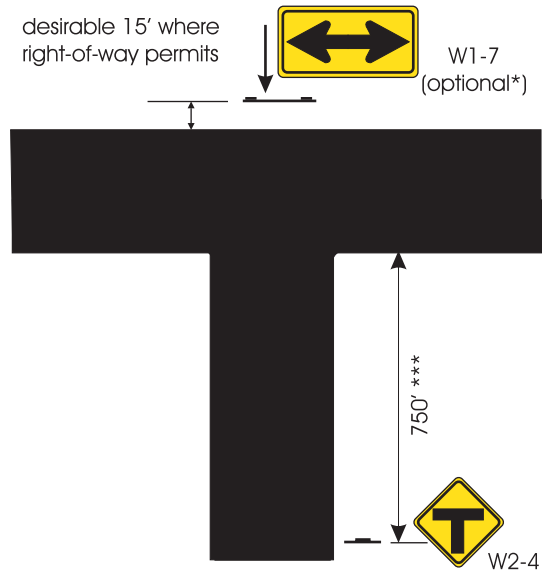
W1-7

* large double-headed arrow W1-7 may be used when added emphasis is needed or desired

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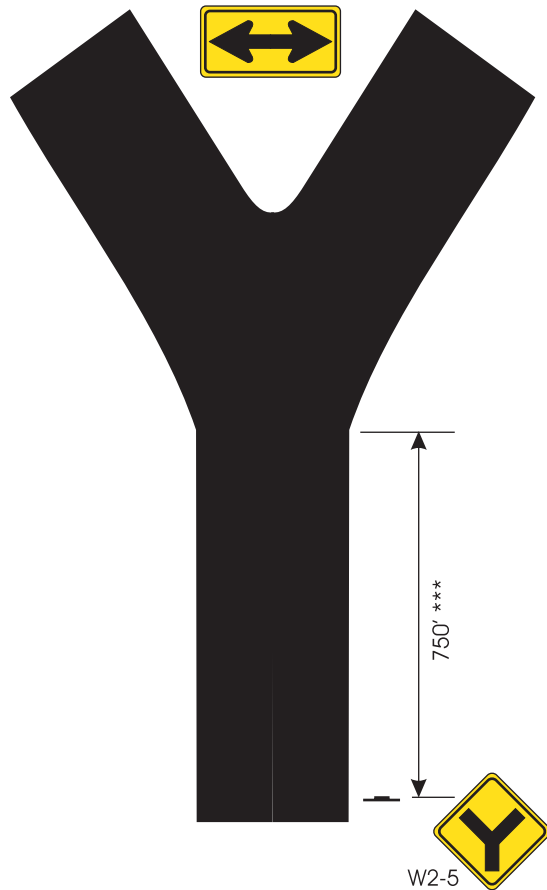
Operating Speed	Distance “A” (feet)
30	100
40	225
45	300
50	375
55	450

*** nominal distance (other distance may be used if engineering study indicates)



Typical signing for “T” intersections

The *MUTCD* also describes the use of the “Y” Symbol sign (W2-5), which can be used in advance of a “Y” intersection. Use of the large arrow sign with double head (W1-7) also can be used in the fork of the “Y” directly in line with approaching traffic.



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Typical signing for “Y” intersections