

Road Signs and Traffic Markings



Signs, road markings, and signals represent the primary means of communication with road users.

Ensure you know the standards, and be ready for some unique to Japan.



Road Closed



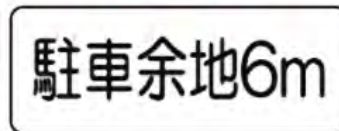
**Road Closed
to Vehicles**



**No Parking or
Stopping**



No Parking



**No Parking within
6 meters of the sign
in both directions**



**Parking is permitted at
designated times for
specified durations
(E.g. Bet. 8-20 for 60 mins)**



**Road Closed to
Large Sized Trucks
& Special Duty
Vehicles**



**Road Closed to
Large Sized
Passenger Vehicles**



**Road Closed to
Motor Vehicles
except Motorcycles**



**Road Closed to
Motor Vehicles**



**Road Closed to
Light Vehicles
except Bicycles**



**Road Closed to
Bicycles**



**Road Closed to
Motorcycles and
Motorbikes**



**No Double Riding
on Two-Wheeled
Motor Vehicles**



**Road Closed to
Vehicles Carrying
Explosives**



**Road Closed to
Pedestrians**



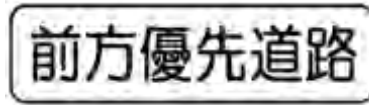
**No Pedestrian
Crossing**



**Motor Vehicles
Prohibited to Enter**



Stop



**Main Road has
Right of Way**



Proceed Slowly



**Maximum Speed
(50 KPH)**



**Minimum Speed
(30 KPH)**

Traffic Lanes for



**Light non-
motorized
vehicles**

**Two
wheel
vehicles**



**Maximum Weight
(5.5 Tons)**



**Maximum Height
(3.3 Meters)**



**Maximum Width
(2.2 Meters)**



NO Passing



NO U-Turn



NO Right Turn



**Number of
Lanes Reduced**



**Width of Road
Reduced**



Side Road Ahead



**Y-Intersection
Ahead**



**T-Intersection
Ahead**



**4-Way Intersection
Ahead**



**Double Sharp
Curve Ahead**



**Sharp Right
Curve Ahead**



**Right Curve
Ahead**



**Gradual Right
Curve**



Winding Road



Two-Way Traffic



**Danger of
Falling Rocks**



**Road Under
Construction**



**Traffic Signal
Ahead**



**Prevailing Side
Wind**



Rotary Ahead



**Bumpy Road
Ahead**



Slippery Road



Railroad Crossing



School Zone



Merging Traffic



Upgrade 10%



Downgrade 10%



**Caution
(Other Hazard)**



Cross Walk



**Cross Walk
(Around School Zone)**



Bicycle Only



**Exclusive Lane for
Pedestrians**



**Motor Vehicles
Only**



**Pedestrians and
Bicycle Only**



Bus Exclusive Lane



Bus Priority Lane



One Way



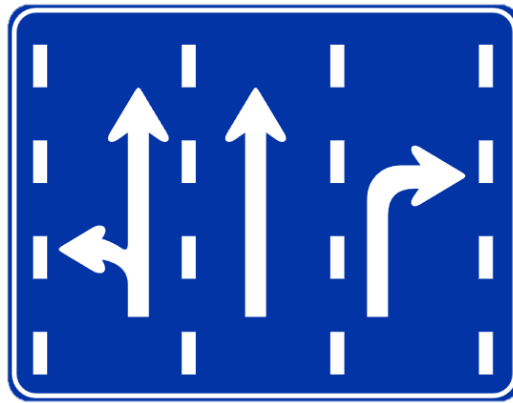
**Direction
Designated Lane**



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Designated Lane**



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Designated Lane**



**Direction
Designated Lanes**



**Through Traffic
Only**



Left Turn Only



**Proceed on
the Left**



**Left or Through
Traffic Only**



**Right and Left
Turns Only**



Sound Horn



**Parking Area or
May Park**



**May Drive on
Tram Way**



Safety Zone



Primary Road



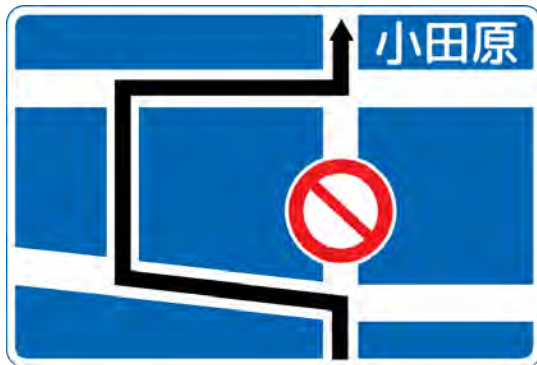
May Stop



**Designated
Center Line**



**Double File
Bicycle Riding
Allowed**



Detour



Detour



Pull Over Area



ここから

区域
ここから

Used in combination with
Regulatory Signs

**Beginning of
Restricted Zone**



区域内

Used in combination with
Regulatory Signs

**Within
Restricted Zone**



ここまで

区域
ここまで

Used in combination with
Regulatory Signs

**End of
Restricted Zone**

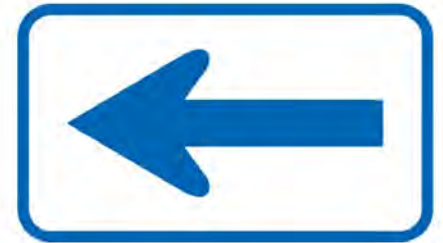


Used in combination with
Regulatory Signs

**End of Restricted
Zone**



**Emergency
Telephone**



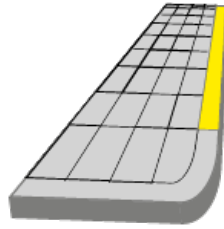
**Left Turn
Allowed on Red
Light**



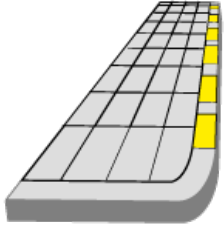
No U-Turn
at anytime



No U-Turn
between
0800-2000



Solid yellow line on the
edge of sidewalk:
**Stopping or parking of
vehicles is prohibited**



Broken yellow line on the
edge of sidewalk:
Parking is prohibited



Gray stripes with yellow
border:
No Entry Zone

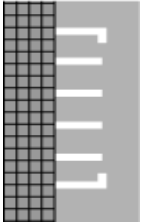


White square surrounded
by yellow square:
Safety Zone

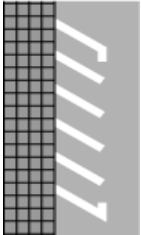
← **Railroad Track**



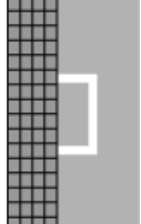
No Stopping Zone



Right Angle Parking is
authorized



Diagonal Parking is
authorized



Parallel Parking is
authorized

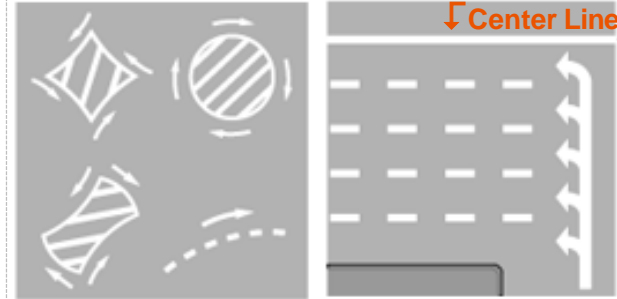


Yellow number:
MAXIMUM speed limit



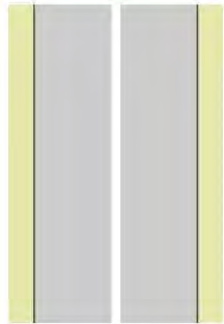
White mark and yellow
mark: **End of U-Turn
Prohibition** ↓

↑ White mark and
yellow number:
End of Speed Limit



↓ **Center Line**

Arrows indicate the direction
and location of turns



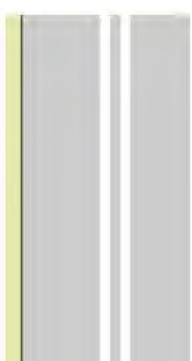
One solid white line at the center of road:
Center Line



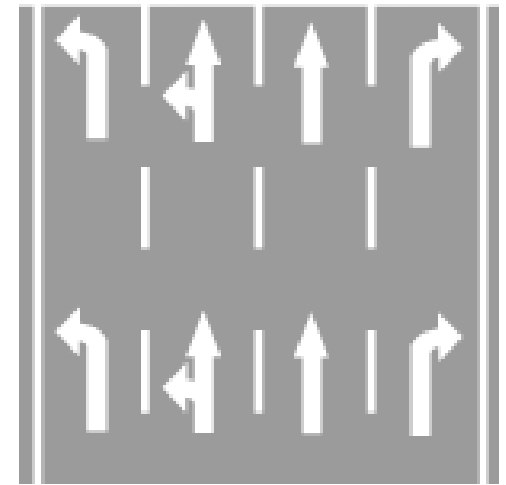
Broken white line at the center of road:
Center Line



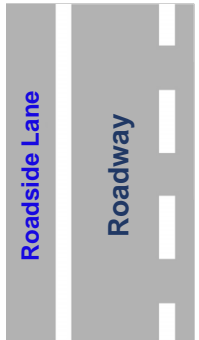
Dotted line with metal and/or reflective road studs at the center:
Center Line



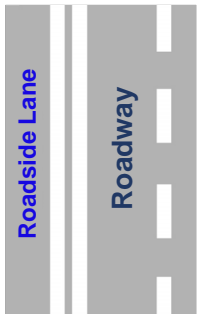
Double solid white line at the center:
Center Line
(Used for emphasizing, especially on busy roads)



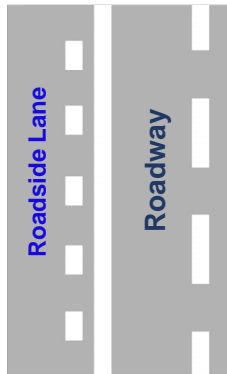
Travel permitted **ONLY** in the directions indicated for each lane



Roadside lane at the left of a solid white line:
Pedestrians and light non-motorized vehicles only. If the side lane is wide enough (75cm space left), parking is allowed within the lane.



Roadside lane at the left of two solid white lines:
Pedestrians only
Parking is prohibited.

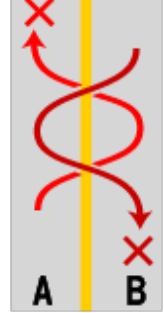


Roadside lane at the left of solid and broken white lines: **Pedestrians only.** Stopping or parking of the vehicles is **PROHIBITED.**



Both areas indicate Pedestrians' Crossing

Center Line



A solid yellow center line:
No passing on the right side of the road to **overtake**

Center Line

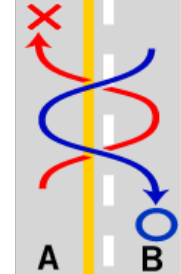


White solid lines indicate lane dividers



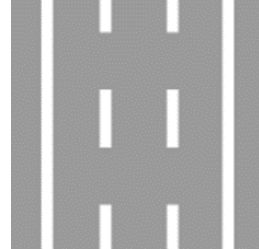
バス優先:
PRIORITY lane for buses during hours indicated. Other vehicles may use the lane but must not interfere with the bus traffic.

Center Line



A solid yellow line to the left of the center line:
Prohibits vehicles traveling in Lane A from overflowing into Lane B for overtaking

Center Line

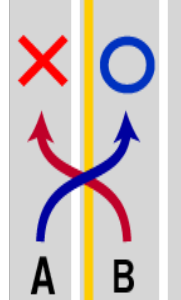


Solid lines combined with white broken lines, also indicates lane dividers.



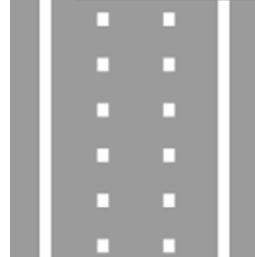
バス専用:
EXCLUSIVE for buses during hours indicated. Other vehicles are **PROHIBITED** at all during this period.

Center Line



When more than two lanes are provided on the left of a center line, a solid yellow line at the left edge of Lane B indicates that changing from Lane B to A is **PROHIBITED**. Changing from Lane A to B is **PERMITTED**.

Center Line

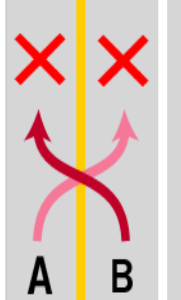


A solid white line for the outermost line and dotted lines using metal and/or reflective road studs indicate line dividers.



Letters indicate the type of vehicle designated by the vehicular traffic zone and traffic classification.
Left: EXCLUSIVE use of two-wheel vehicles and light vehicles.
Right: EXCLUSIVE use of motor vehicles except two-wheel vehicles.

Center Line



When more than two lanes are provided on the left of a center line, a solid yellow line between lanes indicates that lane changing is **PROHIBITED** from either lane.

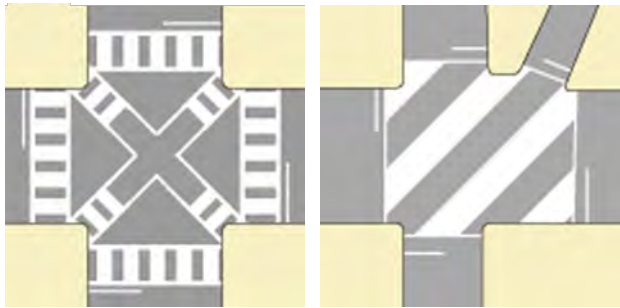
Center Line



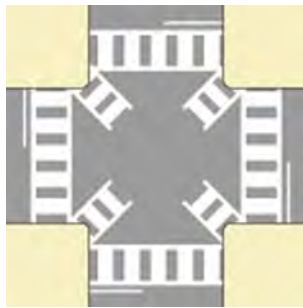
The outermost line near the entrance of the National Motor Vehicle Expressways is marked by a large white dotted line.



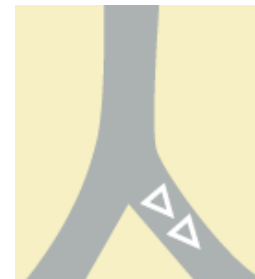
The **priority** lane is to the left of the white dotted line. Vehicles merging into this lane must **YIELD** to traffic in the priority lane.



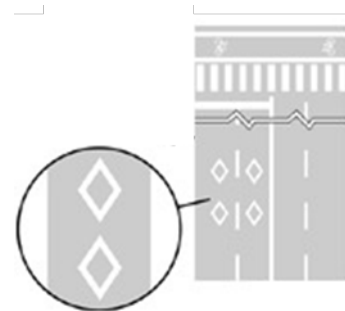
Diagonal crossing of pedestrians authorized **at any time**.



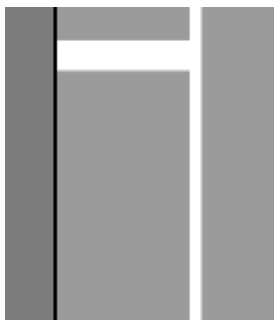
Diagonal crossing of pedestrians authorized **during limited periods**.



Two **inverted white triangles** on your traffic lane indicate you are approaching a priority lane and must **YIELD** to any traffic, in the priority lane.



Two **white diamonds** on your traffic lane indicate the presence of a **pedestrian** crossing ahead.



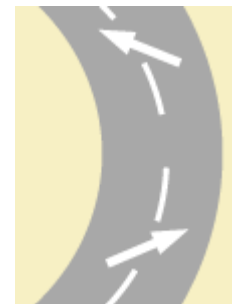
One solid horizontal white line on the road indicates a **stop line**.



An area marked with white lines at the edge of streetcar tracks indicates a **streetcar stop**.



Areas indicate you are approaching safety zone or obstacles in the road and must travel as indicated by arrows.



Arrows indicate vehicle must travel on the right side of the road as directed.



White markings indicate traffic flow lanes to ensure safe and smooth vehicular traffic.