

Mn MUTCD Section 2B.40 (One Way Signs)

As currently written, this section provides the following option:

OPTION:

At an intersection with a divided highway that has a median width at the intersection itself of less than 30 feet, ONE WAY signs may also be placed on the far right corner of the intersection as shown in Figures 2B-16 and 2B-17.

There is a concern that use of a far-right one-way sign in some situations should not be allowed, particularly at signalized locations with narrow medians.

When mounted near a signal head that controls right turns, the left-pointing one-way sign can appear to prohibit right turns or create a false and potentially unsafe impression that there is no cross traffic from the left.

Use of far-right one-way signs at two-way locations could also reduce the effectiveness of one-way signs used at true one-way locations, such as diamond interchange ramps, where the signs are intended to prevent wrong-way movements onto the freeway.



Items for discussion:

- Proposed: Remove this option entirely, and modify Figures 2B-16 and 2B-17 accordingly?
- Could also add a standard to expressly prohibit the installation of far-right one-way signs under certain circumstances.
- Are there situations with medians less than 30 feet where such signs could make sense?
 - Unsignalized locations?
 - Locations with medians wider than 10 ft but less than 30 feet?
 - Does the width of the median in the absence of left turn lanes make a difference?