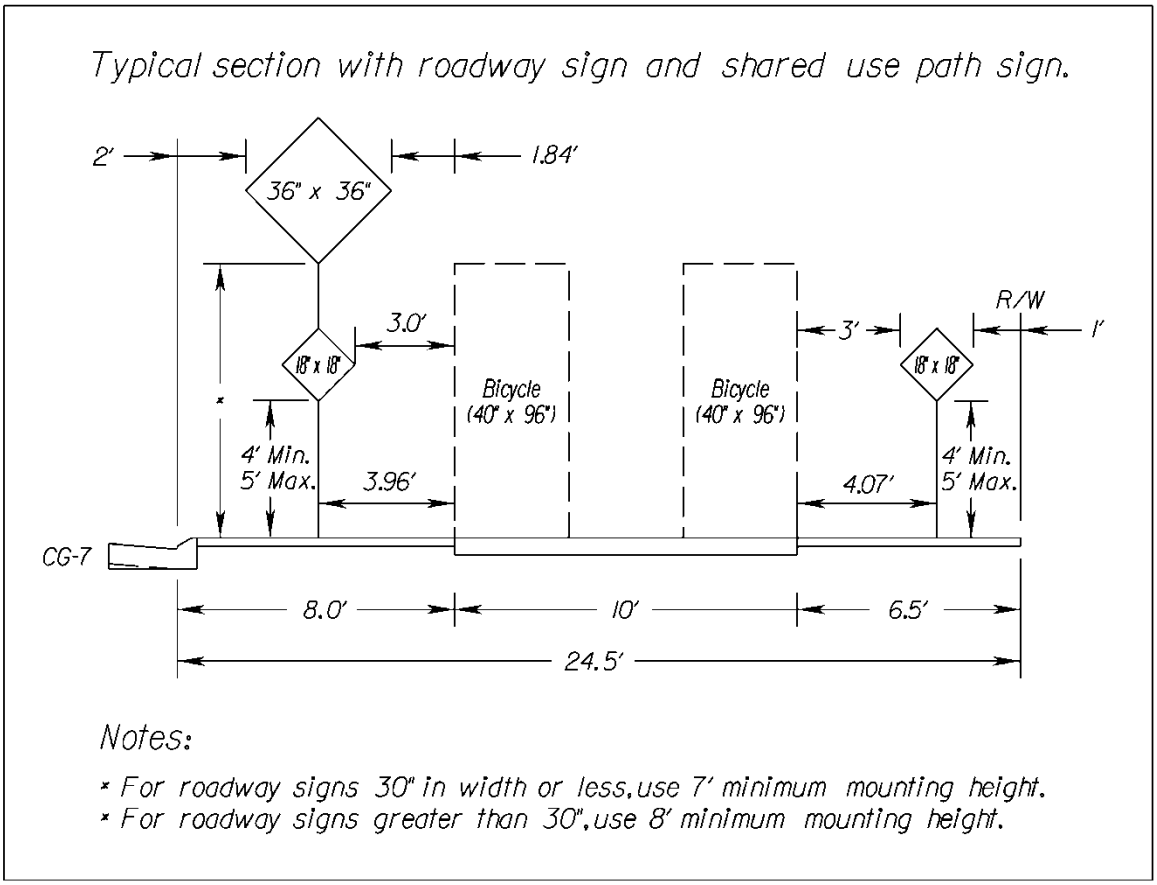

FIGURE A-5-4

SHARED USED PATHS

- Width and Horizontal* Clearance

The paved width and the operating width required for a shared use path are primary design considerations. The minimum paved width for a two-directional shared use path is 10 feet. See Figure A-5-5. However in rare instances, a reduced width of 8 feet may be used. <u>This reduced width may be used only where the following conditions prevail;</u>

(1) bicycle traffic is expected to be low, even on peak days or during peak hours.
(2) pedestrian use of the facility is not expected to be more than occasional.
(3) there will be good horizontal and vertical alignment providing safe and frequent passing opportunities, and
(4) during normal maintenance activities the path will not be subjected to maintenance vehicle loading conditions that would cause pavement edge damage.

Under certain conditions it may be necessary or desirable to increase the width of a shared use path to 12 feet, or even 14 feet, due to substantial use by bicycles, joggers, skaters and pedestrians, use by large maintenance vehicles, and steep grades.

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