	LOCAL ROAD NAME SIGNS		<i>Issued: MAR 2008</i>
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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
	SECTION	GUIDE AND INFORMATION SIGNS	
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General

Signs are often placed in advance of intersections to provide motorists with the name of upcoming crossroads. The signs provide a means of way-finding for motorists looking for directions to these routes.

Local road name signs provide advance guidance of an upcoming roadway to motorists who are unfamiliar with the area so that drivers can initiate the appropriate turn prior to reaching the intersection, similar to advance township / range road signs.

Standard

Local road name signs consist of white letters on a retro-reflective green background, as shown in drawing TCS-A4-460. Letter size on the signs should be consistent with letter sizes specified in the Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual (Table 3.3 and 3.4) for the various roadway types.

Where the intersection has two named roads that intersect with the highway, the sign panels may be mounted on a single structure (combination sign) as shown in drawing TCS-A4-460. Arrows are used to show the direction of the named roads.

Where a system of advance Township and Range Road signage exists in the area, it is desirable to mount the advance township / range road sign in combination with the local road name sign(s). The advance township / range road sign is to be the top panel on the sign structure.

Guidelines for Use

Urban and rural municipalities may install local road name signs at locations where the name of the road is officially designated by the local municipality. A permit from Alberta Transportation is not required prior to installation. However, discussion and approval is required to ensure consistency in the province by meeting these guidelines.

Only the name of the road intersecting the highway may be displayed. Directional signs indicating "TO" other local roads and named roads in the vicinity are not permitted.

The local road name must be officially designated through a motion passed by the municipal council, and the name of the road must be included on official maps and/or publications that are commonly distributed to non-local motorists.

Guidelines for Placement

Road name signs may be placed on any highway, 150 to 300 metres in advance of the intersection, or at the start of the taper if one exists. Signs should be placed in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline. Signs are placed on the right hand side of the roadway when approaching an intersection, in each direction of travel.

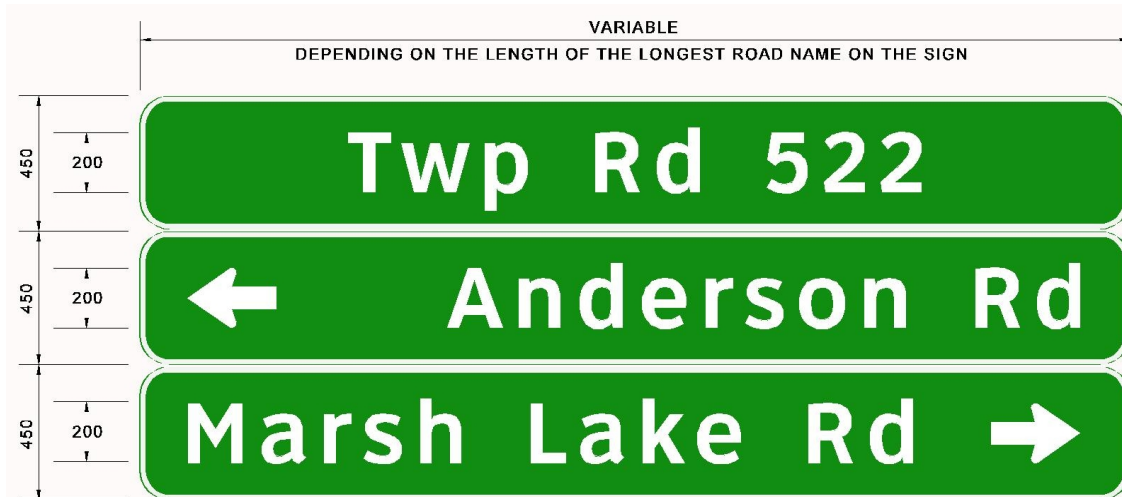
Installation and Maintenance

The local government is responsible for the cost of supplying and installing local road name signs in advance of an intersection. This should be accomplished as outlined in the Installation and Maintenance section of the Recommended Practices General Provisions for Installing Private Signs Within the Highway Right of Way guideline. When the sign(s) needs replacement, the municipality is responsible for the costs of supplying and installing replacement sign(s).

Alberta Transportation will provide routine washing and straightening for local road name signs through its highway maintenance contractor.

References to Standards

<i>Highway Guide & Information Sign Manual</i>	TCS-A4-455 Advance Township / Range Road Sign Table 3.3 Table 3.4
<i>Recommended Practices,</i> Section: General	Placement of Signs
<i>Recommended Practices,</i> Section: General	General Provisions for Installing Private Signs Within the Highway Right of Way



All dimensions shown are in millimetres except when otherwise noted.

SIGN DETAILS

- LETTERS: 250 mm/200 mm ClearviewHwy 5-W (Township / Range Road Sign)
250 mm/200 mm ClearviewHwy 5-W (Local Road Name Sign)
- NUMBERS: 250 mm/200 mm ClearviewHwy 5-W
- *Note: Letter size should be consistent with letter sizes specified in the Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual (Table 3.3 and 3.4) for the various roadway types.
- BORDER: 19 mm edge
- COLOUR: Message – white
Border – white
Background – green
- SUBSTRATE: Minimum 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum
- SIGN FACE: ASTM Type III or IV High Intensity Retro-Reflective Sheeting
- SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.
- PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way, 150-300 m in advance of intersection.

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		DRAWING TCS-A4-460	
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COMBINED ADVANCE TOWNSHIP / RANGE ROAD SIGN AND LOCAL ROAD NAME SIGN			
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