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Transportation

# NAMING OF HIGHWAYS IN URBAN AREAS

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## General

To personalize or promote a sense of community within their jurisdiction, some urban municipalities may choose to give names to provincial highways passing through their community.

This guideline applies only to highways passing through the corporate limits of towns and villages. It does not apply to connector highways passing through cities, which are under municipal control. It also does not apply to trade corridor highways and ring roads within cities, which are under provincial control.

## Guidelines for Use

To qualify for local highway naming, the proposed highway name must be officially designated through a motion passed by the municipal council. Departmental approval of the proposed naming is required to ensure the applicant meets these guidelines.

Municipalities must submit an application for local highway naming to the nearest Alberta Transportation district office (a listing is available at the website below):

http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content /docType329/Production/distaddress.pdf.

The extents of locally named highway sections must be contained within the corporate limits of the urban municipality.

Dual naming is not permitted. If a highway already has a designated name under the Provincial Highway Naming Program or an inter-provincial/federal agreement, then it is not eligible for another or alternate name.

If approved, signs indicating the local highway name though a town or village will only be permitted on street name blades located at the corners of intersections. The proposed street name blade design must be submitted by the municipality with their application, and must be acceptable to the department.

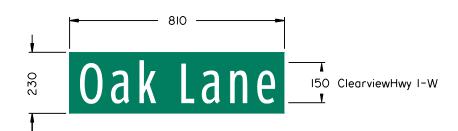
An example of acceptable street name blade signs is shown in Drawing TCS-A4-445A, Typical Street Name Sign. However, municipalities are free to custom design their street name blades with preferred font, size and decorative elements.

Local highway names will not be included on the official Alberta Road Map. For this reason, the local highway name will not be permitted on highway destination/directional guide signage or on overhead street name signage at signalized intersections. If a community desires local name trailblazer signs, they must be designed to department standards and placed such that they do not interfere with the visibility of other traffic control devices. Local highway names may be published on municipal road maps if desired.

## **References to Standards**

Highway Guide and	TCS-A4-445A, Typical					
Information Sign	Street Name Sign					
Manual						

All dimensions shown are in millemetres except when otherwise noted.



#### SIGN DETAILS (TYPICAL)

- LETTERS: 150 mm ClearviewHwy 1-W
- BORDER: None
- COLOUR: Message White Background - Varies Border - None
- SUBSTRATE: Minimum 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum (similar) to typical urban street address signs).
- SIGN FACE: Type III High Intensity Retro Reflective Sheeting Double - sided sign face for viewing in two directions (similar to typical urban street address signs).
- SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post (similar to typical urban street address signs).
- PLACEMENT: Positioned in the corner areas of where the highway right of way boundary meets with municipal street.

One sign in each of the diagonal quadrants such that the sign is on the near side while travelling on the highway.

Note: The design must be approved by Alberta Transportation.		No.	DESCRIPTIO		N	BY	DATE	
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