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TO: ALL HQ DIRECTORS: PROF. SERVICES, PLANNING & MAJOR PROJECTS  
ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS: PROF. SERVICES, PLANNING & MAJOR PROJECTS  
ALL DISTRICT HIGHWAYS MANAGERS

**SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SYSTEM NUMBERING**

**SCOPE:**

This circular covers provincial highway numbering on primary and secondary highways throughout the Province.

**BACKGROUND**

An aspect of highway operations that is often overlooked is the highway number assigned. In addition to Ministry use, one of the purposes of the highway number is to conveniently guide the traveling public. Continuity of highway numbers through and between major centres allows those not familiar with the Province to confidently plan and execute their highway travel. The implication of the highway number is that motorists' expectations will be met in terms of driver comfort and the standard of the facility. Highway numbering decisions are largely determined by the functional classifications of the highway. The responsibility for highway numbers has recently been transferred from the Highway Engineering Branch to the Highway Planning Branch.

**PROCEDURE:**

Highway numbers infrequently change. Any requested change to an existing highway number or assignment of a new highway number will be directed to the Director of Highway Planning. The Highway Planning Branch will assign and be responsible for the issuing of highway numbers.

As well as specific requests that may be generated over the course of a year, a draft listing of highway numbers will be sent on an annual basis to all Regional Directors with a request to review and forward comments and/or suggested revisions. This input will be reviewed and assessed. Subsequently, the Official Numbered Routes Listing will be produced and distributed to all functional units of the Ministry.

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