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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: NUMBERED HIGHWAY ROUTES

SCOPE:

This circular provides a descriptive list of British Columbia Route Numbers and covers the responsibility and criteria for numbering provincial highways. This circular replaces/cancels circular letters T-6-94, G-3-91 and all previous circulars on this subject.

BACKGROUND:

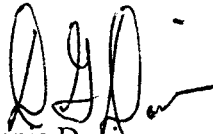
An aspect of highway operations that is often overlooked is the highway number assigned. In addition to Ministry use, one of the purposes of the highway number is to conveniently guide the traveling public. Continuity of the highway numbers through and between major centres allows those not familiar 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 the highway numbers has recently been transferred from the Highway Engineering Branch to the Highway Planning and Policy Branch.

PROCEDURE:

Highway numbers change infrequently. Any requested change to an existing highway number or assignment of a new highway number will be directed to the Director of Highway Planning and Policy. The Highway Planning and Policy Branch will assign and be responsible for the issuing of highway numbers. Gazette notices will be prepared to indicate public notice has been given.

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 on an annual basis.

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# OFFICIAL NUMBERED ROUTES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

HIGHWAY PLANNING & POLICY BRANCH

SYSTEMS PLANNING SECTION

ROUTE NUMBER	HIGHWAY NAME	DESCRIPTION
1 Trans-Canada Route Marker	Trans-Canada (Vancouver Island)	From the ferry terminal egress at the junction of Oswego Street and Belleville Street in Victoria via Belleville Street, Douglas Street, Malahat Drive, Duncan, Ladysmith and through Nanaimo via Nichol Street, Terminal Avenue, Stewart Avenue, to the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Departure Bay.
1 * Trans-Canada Route Marker	Trans-Canada (Mainland)	From the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Horseshoe Bay through the municipalities of West Vancouver, North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, City of Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, Lytton, Cache Creek, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Rogers Pass, Golden to British Columbia - Alberta Boundary.
1A *	Taylor Way, Marine Drive, Lions Gate Bridge Road, West Gorgia Street, Howe Street, Dunsmuir Street, Georgia Viaduct, Main Street, Kingsway, 10th Avenue, McBride Boulevard and Fraser Highway	From the junction with Route 1 at Exit 13 (Taylor Way) through the municipalities of West Vancouver, City of Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Surrey, Langley, City of Langley and Abbotsford to the junction with Route 1 at Exit 83 (Mt. Lehman Road)
1A	Old Island (Vancouver Island)	From the junction of Douglas Street and Hillside Avenue in Victoria via Gorge Road, Craigflower Bridge, View Royal, Colwood, Goldstream Avenue to its junction with Route 1 at Langford Lake.
1A	Chemainus (Vancouver Island)	From the junction of Mt. Sicker Road and Route 1 in North Cowichan along Mt. Sicker Road to Chemainus Road and along Chemainus Road via Chemainus to the junction with Route 1 at Ladysmith.

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2	Dawson Creek - Tupper	From the junction with Route 97 at Dawson Creek via Pouce Coupe and Tupper to British Columbia - Alberta Boundary.
3 *	Southern Trans- Provincial Highway (Crowsnest)	From the junction with Route 1 at Hope (Exit 170) via Princeton, Keremeos, Richter Route Marker Pass, Osoyoos, Grand Forks, Christina Lake, Castlegar, Ootischenia, Meadows, Salmo, Salmo - Creston Cutoff, Creston, Cranbrook, Fernie to the British Columbia - Alberta Boundary at Crowsnest.
3A	Keremeos - Kaleden Junction - Osoyoos	From the junction with Route 3 at Keremeos via Kaleden Junction, Okanagan Falls, and Oliver to the junction with Route 3 near Osoyoos.
3A	Castlegar - Nelson Creston	From the junction with Route 3 at Ootischenia Interchange near Castlegar via Brilliant Bridge, Nelson and Kootenay Lake Ferry to the junction with Route 3 near Creston.
3B	Nancy Greene Lake - Rossland - Meadows	From the junction with Route 3 at Nancy Greene Lake via Rossland, Warfield, Trail, Montrose, Fruitvale to the junction with Route 3 at Meadows.
4 *	Parksville - Port Alberni Pacific Rim	From the junction of the Inland Island Route 19 Highway west of Qualicum via Johnston Road in Port Alberni to Government Wharf in Tofino.
5 *	Coquihalla	From the junction with Route 1 at Hope (Exit 170) through the municipalities of Hope and Merritt to the junction with Route 1/97/Cache Creek at Exit 362.
5	Kamloops	From route 1/97/Cache Creek Exit 362 to Route 5 North/Jasper Exit 374.
5 Yellowhead Route Marker	Yellowhead South	From Route 5 North Jasper Exit 374 at Kamloops via Barriere, Little Fort, Blue River to the junction with Route 16 at Tete Jaune Cache.
5A	Princeton - Aspen Grove - Merritt - Kamloops	From the junction with Route 3 at Princeton via Aspen Grove, Route 97C, the Coldwater Interchange, to the intersection of Nicola Avenue and Voght Street in Merritt, the Nicola Interchange, Quilchena, to the junction with Route 1/5/97 at Exit 368.

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6	Nelson - Nelway - Vernon - Slocan	From Canada - USA Boundary at Nelway via Salmo, Nelson, South Slocan, Nakusp, Fauquier, Lumby to the junction with Route 97 at Vernon.
7 *	Broadway, Lougheed Highway	From the junction of Main Street and Broadway through the municipalities of the City of Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Mission and Kent to the junction with Route 1 (north of Hope).
7A *	Howe Street, Seymour Street, Hastings Street, Inlet Drive, Barnet Highway	Howe Street (between Georgia Street and Hastings Street), Seymour Street (between Georgia Street and Hastings Street) and from the junction of Howe Street and Hastings Street through the municipalities of the City of Vancouver, Burnaby, Port Moody and Coquitlam to the junction with Route 7 (Lougheed Highway).
7B *	Mary Hill Bypass	From the junction of United Boulevard through the municipalities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam to the intersection of Lougheed Highway.
8	Merritt - Spences Bridge	From the junction with Route 5A at the intersection of Voght Street and Nicola Avenue in Merritt via Lower Nicola to the junction with Route 1 at Spences Bridge.
9 *	Rosedale - Agassiz Bypass Highway (Rosedale - Agassiz Harrison Hot Springs) Agassiz - Cheam Avenue, Evergreen Drive	From the junction with Route 1 at Exit 135 north to the junction with Esplanade Road (Harrison Hot Springs).
10 *	Ladner - (Langley Bypass) - Livingstone Interchange Highway (Ladner - Langley Highway)	From junction with Route 17 through the municipalities of Delta, Surrey, City of Langley and Langley to the junction with Route 1 at Exit 66 (232nd Street Interchange).
11 *	Huntingdon - Mission	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Huntingdon through the municipalities of Abbotsford and Mission to the with Route 7 (Lougheed Highway).
12 *	Lytton - Lillooet	From the junction with Route 1 at Lytton to junction with Route 99 at Lillooet.
13 *	Aldergrove - Bellingham Highway and County Line Road	From the Canada - USA Boundary through the municipality of Langley to the junction with Route 1 at Exit 73 (264th Street Interchange).

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14	West Coast (Sooke)	From the junction with Route 1 at Thetis Lake Interchange via Colwood, Sooke and Jordan River to the Government Wharf at Port Renfrew.
15 *	Pacific Highway	From the Canada - USA Boundary through the municipality of Surrey to the junction with Route 1 at Exit 53 (176th Street Interchange).
16 Trans-Canada Route Marker Yellowhead Route Marker	Yellowhead Trans- Canada	From Masset via Port Clements to the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Skidegate in the Queen Charlotte Islands. From the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Prince Rupert via Terrace, Smithers, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Prince George, McBride, Tete Jaune Cache, Red Pass to the British Columbia - Alberta Boundary.
17 *	Patricia Bay Highway Tsawwassen Highway	From the ferry terminal egress at the junction of Oswego Street and Bellevue Street in Victoria via Belleville Street, Blanshard Street and Blanshard Street Extension to the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Swartz Bay. From the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Tsawwassen through the municipality of Delta to the junction with Route 99 at Exit 28 (Tsawwassen Highway Interchange).
17A	West Saanich - Wain	From the junction with Route 17 at the Royal Oak Drive Interchange in Saanich via West Saanich Road and Wain Road to the junction with Route 17 near Swartz Bay in North Saanich.
18	Cowichan Valley	From the junction of Route 1 and Herd Road in North Cowichan via Cowichan Valley Road to the junction of North Shore Road and South Shore Road at Lake Cowichan Village.
19 *	Island Highway	From the junction with Route 1 (Terminal and Stewart Avenues) in Nanaimo via Parksville, 17th Street Crossing in Courtenay, Campbell River, Sayward, Port McNeil to the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Bear Cove near Port Hardy.
19A *	Old Island Highway - Parksville	From the junction of the Inland Island Highway at Craig's Crossing via Island Highway in Parksville, Qualicum to Cook Creek Road to the junction at the Inland Island Highway 19 near Mud Bay.

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20	Chilcotin - Bella Coola	From the junction with Route 97 at Williams Lake via Alexis Creek, Anahim Lake to the Government Wharf at Bella Coola.
21	Creston - Rykerts	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Rykerts to the junction with Route 3 near Creston.
22	Paterson - Rossland - Castlegar	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Paterson via Rossland, Warfield and Trail to the junction with Route 3 at Castlegar.
22A	Waneta	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Waneta to the junction with Route 3B near Montrose.
23	Nakusp - Mica Creek	From the junction with Route 6 at Nakusp via Galena Bay, Shelter Bay, Revelstoke to Mica Creek Dam Site.
24	93 Mile - Little Fort	From the junction with Route 97 at 93 Mile via Bridge Lake to the junction with Route 5 at Little Fort.
26 *	Barkerville	From the junction with Route 97 near Quesnel to Barkerville Historic Park.
27 *	Vanderhoof - Stuart	From the junction with Route 16 west of Vanderhoof to junction of Somme Rd and Municiple Boundary at Fort St. James.
28	Gold River	From the junction with Route 19 at Campbell River to the junction of Muchalat Drive and Nimpkish Drive at Gold River.
29	Hudson's Hope Don Phillips Way	From the junction with Route 97 at Charlie Lake via Hudson's Hope to the junction with Route 97 at Chetwynd, then from the junction with Route 97 east of Chetwynd to the junction with the Heritage Highway at Tumbler Ridge.
31	Balfour - Kaslo - Galena Bay	From the junction with Route 3A at Balfour via Kaslo, Trout Lake to the junction with Route 23 near Galena Bay.
31A	Kaslo - New Denver	From the junction with Route 31 at Kaslo to the junction with Route 6 at New Denver.
33	Rock Creek - Kelowna	From the junction with Route 3 at Rock Creek via Beaverdell to the junction with Route 97 at Kelowna.
35	North Francois	From the junction with Route 16 at Burns Lake to the Francois Lake Ferry Landing.

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37	Kitimat Cassiar	From the Kitimat Docks via Haisla Boulevard in Kitimat and Lake Ise to the junction of Route 16 at Terrace, then along Route 16 from Terrace to the Kitwanga Junction, then from Kitwanga Junction via Meziadin Lake and Dease Lake to the British Columbia - Yukon Boundary near Watson Lake.
37A *	Stewart	From the junction with Route 37 at Meziadin Lake to the Canada - USA Boundary at Stewart.
39 *	Mackenzie	From the junction with Route 97 north of McLeod Lake to the junction of Alberta Drive at Mackenzie.
41	Danville	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Danville to the junction with Route 3 near Grand Forks.
43 *	Elk Valley	From the junction with Route 3 at Sparwood to north boundary of Elkford.
49	Dawson Creek - Spirit River	From the junction with Route 2 at Dawson Creek to the British Columbia - Alberta Boundary near Briar Ridge.
52 *	Heritage Highway	From the junction with Route 97 at Arras (west of Dawson Creek) to the junction of Route 29 in Tumbler Ridge east to Route 2 at Tupper.
77	Liard	From the junction with Route 97 north of Fort Nelson to the British Columbia - Northwest Territories Boundary south of Fort Liard.
91 *	Annacis Island Highway	From the junction with Route 99 at Exit 18 through the municipalities of Delta and Richmond to junction with Route 91A (Queensborough Connector).
91*	Richmond Freeway	From the junction with Route 91A (Queensborough Connector) through the municipality of Richmond to the junction with Route 99 at Exit 37.
91A	Annacis Island Highway (Queensborough Connector)	From the junction of Route 91 (Richmond Freeway) through the municipalities of Richmond and New Westminster to the junction with Marine Way.

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93	Elko - Roosville Radium Hot Springs Castle Mountain Junction	From the Canada - USA Boundary Roosville via Elko, Route 3, Fort Steele Junction, Route 95, Radium Hot Springs, Kootenay National Park to the British Columbia - Alberta Boundary.
95	Yahk - Kingsgate Kootenay - Columbia	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Kingsgate via Yahk, Route 3, Fort Steele Junction, Wasa, Radium Hot Springs to the junction with Route 1 at Golden.
95A	Kimberley	From the junction with Route 3 and 95 near Cranbrook via Kimberley to the junction with Route 93 and 95 at Wasa Junction.
97	Okanagan Vernon - Monte Creek Cariboo John Hart - Peace River Alaska	From the Canada - USA Boundary near Oroville via Osoyoos, Route 3A, Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Monte Creek, Route 1, Cache Creek, Clinton, Quesnel, Prince George, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John to the British Columbia - Yukon Boundary near Lower Post.
97A	Vernon - Sicamous	From the junction with Route 97 north of Vernon via Enderby and Grindrod to the junction with Route 1 at Sicamous.
97B	Grindrod - Salmon Arm	From the junction with Route 97A at Grindrod Hill to the junction with Route 1 at Larch Hill east of Salmon Arm.
97C *	Okanagan Connector Merritt - Route 8 Mamit Lake Road Highland Valley Road Ashcroft-Cache Creek Highway Route 1	From the junction with Route 97 north of Peachland via the Okanagan Connector, Merritt, Route 8, Mamit Lake Road, Highland Valley Road, Ashcroft, Ashcroft-Cache Creek Highway, Route 1 to the junction with Route 97 at Cache Creek.
99 *	Vancouver - Blaine, 70th Ave., Granville Street, N/B Howe Street (to Georgia Street), West Georgia Street, Lions Gate Bridge Road, Marine Drive, Taylor Way, Trans Canada Highway and Garibaldi Highway (Sea to Sky), Pemberton, Lillooet to Route 97 north of Cache Creek	From the Canada - USA Boundary through the municipalities of Surrey, Delta, Richmond, City of Vancouver, West Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and Lillooet, Pavilion, Marble Canyon to the junction with Route 97 north of Cache Creek.
99A	King George VI Highway, McBride Boulevard, 10th Avenue, Kingsway, Main Street and Georgia Street/Dunsmuir Street	From the junction with Route 99 at Exit 2 (Campbell River Interchange) through the municipalities of Surrey, Delta, Richmond and City of Vancouver to the junction with Route 99 (at Howe Street).



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101 *	Sunshine Coast	From the British Columbia Ferry Terminal at Langdale through the municipalities of Gibsons, Sechelt and Powell River (via Marine Ave., Arbutus Street to Hwy 101) to Lund Wharf in the unincorporated area of Lund.
395	Christina Lake - Laurier	From the Canada - USA Boundary at Laurier to the junction with Route 3 near Cascade.

\* Denotes revised description or new route.

NOTE:

In organized District, City, Town and Village Municipalities, the routes are to follow the official arterial highway except where described above. All route markers are the standard British Columbia Marker except where use of Trans-Canada, Yellowhead and Crowsnest Route Markers are specified.

There are references made to 'FREEWAY EXIT NUMBERS' on some of the descriptions. The user should refer to the attached list which identifies the 'FREEWAY EXIT NUMBERS'.