

Naming State Highways- Purpose

The purpose of naming a segment of state highway or a bridge is to bring to public attention and recognize officially a person, organization or other entity who has contributed significantly to the well-being of others.

Naming State Highways • Nebraska Department of Transportation Operating Instruction 60-01 • DOT-0I 60-01 • Naming State Highways Grand Army of the Republic Highway • First named highway- 1947 • Grand Army of the Republic Highway (US-6, Statewide) • 6 names prior to 1987 policy

NAME OF Operating Instruction 60-01

Revisions

August 1987

February 1988

January 1990

February 1994

September 1996

March 2000

January 2009

Ottober 2020

Ottober 2020

August 1987

- Request must be by a written resolution from local governmental entity
 - Referred to Highway Commission for review and Approval
 - Commission recommends to the Director-State Engineer and the Governor
 - · Final approval by the Governor
- Department will provide minimum number of signs to designate route
 - Typically, one at each end of route
 - Additional signs at requestors expense
- Memorial names will **not** be allowed on the Interstate System

February 1988

- Names requested must be of statewide importance or significance.
- This policy does not infringe upon local agencies to name or rename their streets.

January 1990

- · Requester must fund the signs
 - · limited to only two signs
 - · one each direction

February 1994

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- Name must be of substantial importance or significance (removed state-wide)
- Naming a bridge across state border requires approval of both states
- Acknowledged the Interstate routes named as the "Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways".
 - Federal legislation created name in 1990
 - I-480 was named "Gerald Ford Freeway" in 1982



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September 1996

 NDOR will not place directional signs on other highways to direct traffic to "named" highway

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March 2000 (continued)

- No more than one name per major highway segment
 - · As determined by Highway Commission and Director
- Limit of one named highway or bridge per person/organization or entity
- Highway Commission will select not more than one name for signing per year
 - Oct 1st application due date and December presentation to Commission

March 2000

- · Individual interchanges may not be named
 - Merle Kingsbury Interchange- US-77/ I-129, South Sioux City (1991)
- Rest areas are not eligible for naming
 - · Already have an official name
- Only Missouri River border crossing bridges are eligible
 - 15 Missouri River bridges
 - · 2 bridges previously named-
 - Purple Heart Bridge- 108th St. over I-80, Omaha (1995)
 - Karl Timmermann Memorial Bridge- N-32, Elkhorn River, Cuming County (1996)

March 2000 (continued)

- · Evaluation criteria:
 - · Individual must be deceased five years to be considered
 - · Shall meet one of the following:
 - Born In Nebraska
 - · Lived significant part of their life in Nebraska
 - · Made contribution to society that was affected by their residence in Nebraska
 - · Substantial, significant contribution to Nebraska
 - Consideration for the fields of public affairs, arts, sciences, professions 2nd to entertainment, athletics & kindred fields
 - · More weight given to activities that added to the welfare of the state.
- Evaluation criteria based on criteria from the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission for eligibility in the Hall of Fame.

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January 2009

• Request to name a state highway segment must be supported by a resolution from the city or county the segment would occupy.



October 2020

- Allowed the overlapping of segments of highway with statewide named highways
 - · only with Hwy Commission and Director's approval.
- For designated routes that are statewide or span multiple counties, the sponsoring organization may request the installation of additional signs.
 - additional signs are limited to no more than one sign per direction in each county.
 - Nebraska Medal of Honor Hwy (12 signs)
- NDOT has final approval of the number and location of any additional signs

Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway

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Highway Naming Numbers

- 42- named highways or bridges on State Highway System
- 6- routes that span the entire state border to border
 - One route (US-83) has two designated names
- 14- named highways span two or more counties
- 24- named highways do not extend beyond one county



