

Expressway new numbering system

Current expressway numbers were given by the sequence of road construction, and the system made expressway on the same axis being divided into several routes, and its numbers too many, compared with length of the road. The old numbering system has been considered illogical for long time compared with numbers of road being new constructed and need for new numbering system has been brought up.

The ROK Government announced that numbering system of expressways is officially changed as of 24 Aug 2001, but the change of traffic signs will be required long time, due to budget required. New numbers are changed as below;

1. Trunk line: To be described with two digit, ending with 5 to routes running from south to north, and with two digits, ending with 0 to routes running from west to east.

South – North: 15 (Sohaean-son), 25 (Honam-son), 65 (Tonghae-son)
West – East:: 10 (Namhae-son), 20 (Iksan-Pohang-son),
50 (yongdong-son)

2. Auxiliary trunk line: To be described with two digit, ending with even numbers (excluding 5), to the routes running from south to north, and with 2 digits, ending with odd numbers (excluding 0), to the routes running from west to east.

South – North: 17 (Sochon-Kongju), 37 (#2 Chungbu-son)
West – East: 12 (88 Olympic-son), 22 (Kimchon-Yongchon)

3. Short distance branch line: To be described with 3 digits, matching with corresponding trunk or auxiliary trunk lines.

251: Branch line of Honam-son, 25
104: #2 branch line of Namhae-son, 10

4. Belt road of big cities: To be used the same numbers as postal number at corresponding area.

100: Exterior belt road of Seoul, the same number as Seoul postal #100
300: South belt road of Taejon, the same number as Taejon postal #300

5. Kyongbu expressway retains the same number 1, representing the symbol of the first constructed expressway in this country.

1: Kyongbu-son (Seoul – Pusan)