

Requests For "Not A Truck Route" Signs



From time to time, the Public Works Department receives requests for installation of "Not A Truck Route" signs.

There is a network of streets in the City of Winnipeg forming the City's Truck Route system. All other streets are "Not a Truck Route". Truck Routes, as specified in The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law #1573/77, and as shown in the 2001 City of Winnipeg Truck Route Map, are all identified with appropriate signing such as Route Number signs (e.g. Route 85) and/or a sign with a silhouette of a truck with a green ring on a white background. Such a system of signing only those streets that are "Truck Routes" minimizes the cost of installation and maintenance of signs, is readily understandable by truck operators, and is enforceable by the Police. "Not a Truck Route" signs are reserved for use at intersections where a Truck Route ends.

Streets such as Portage Avenue, Main Street, Lagimodiere Boulevard, Kenaston Boulevard, Keewatin Street, McPhillips Street, Erin Street and Wall Street, etc. and many streets in the Central Business District, are Truck Routes. These established Truck Routes are intended to minimize the intrusion of truck traffic onto residential streets. In general, the Truck Route system in Winnipeg has provided an effective system of regulating truck traffic for over three decades.

According to the Traffic By-law, operators of trucks may use a portion of street that is not a Truck Route, provided that it is the shortest distance to and from the point of origin/destination and the nearest Truck Route. If trucks are destined from a Truck Route and travel on streets not identified as a Truck Route without a destination on that street, the driver is traveling illegally.

Posting "Not a Truck Route" signs may leave truck operators with the impression that any other streets not signed as "Not a Truck Route" are Truck Routes. Such a system of dual signing would be confusing and may compromise the ability of the Police to obtain a conviction for the illegal use of a street by a truck operator under the Traffic By-law. For these reasons, posting "Not a Truck Route" signs is not only unnecessary, but also inappropriate, and therefore, is not recommended.

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