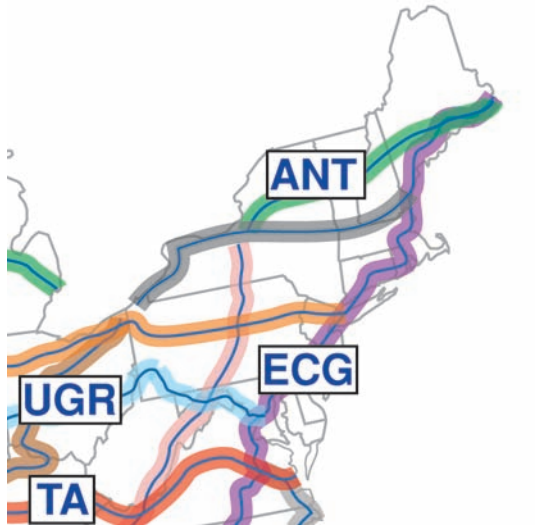


U.S. Bicycle Routes Designation System - Other Reviewed Options

Named System

- Local knowledge would be required to name all the corridors/routes
- Descriptive (i.e. East Coast Greenway)
- Names can be abbreviated for signage (i.e. MRT - Mississippi River Trail)
- Adjoining states must be agreeable to the names

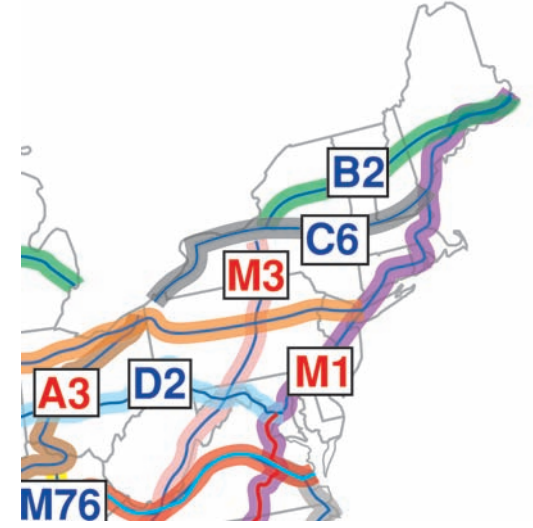


Major Disadvantages: Territorial naming issues could exist between states; isn't transparent in expansion; issues arise in abbreviating names; would require a large key

Major Advantages: Names connect route to unique features; some names already exist; allows for growth

Alphanumeric System

- M Routes run north-south and east-west and go border to border
- Routes that are long/straight are A routes
- B routes are intermediate and don't link longer routes
- C & D routes are connectors, spurs, extensions or trails
- Odd numbers run north-south growing from east to west; Even run east-west growing from north to south

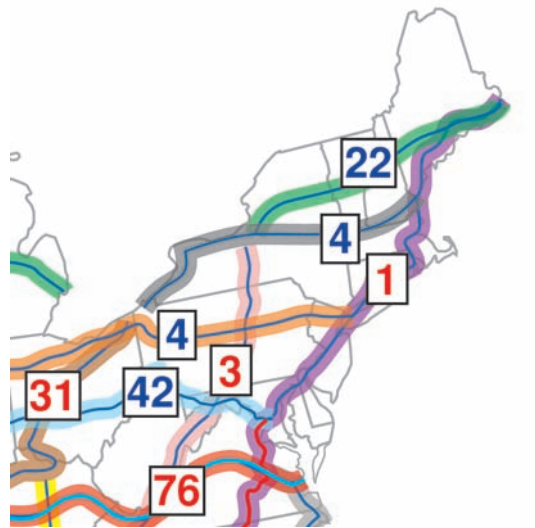


Major Disadvantages: System may be confusing to assign as network grows; defining the letter routes other than M may be difficult and may change over time

Major Advantages: Adding a letter tells something about the route; alphanumeric combination allows for growth; could integrate urban networks and trail systems

One/Two Digit System

- East-west corridors are even numbers increasing from north-south
- North-south odd increasing from east to west
- Main routes (cross country) are single digit numbers
- Intermediate routes are two digit numbers

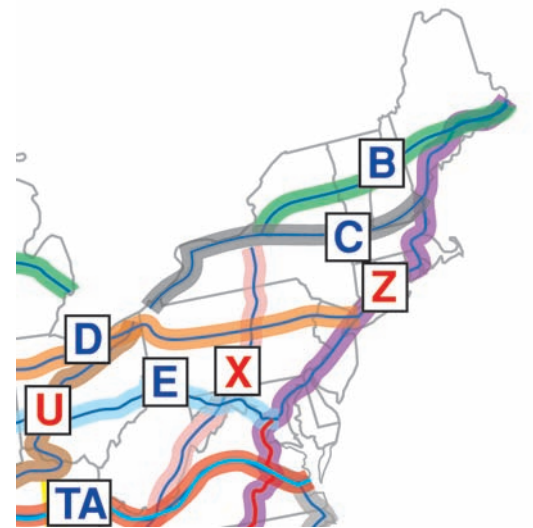


Major Disadvantages: System is not as intuitive; may be difficult to assign designations as states implement and network grows

Major Advantages: Allows for large degree of growth between corridors; designation tells something about the route (single-digit are long, continuous routes)

Alphabetical System

- East-west corridors range from A-N growing from north to south
- North-south corridors range from O-Z growing from west to east
- Routes will expand where gaps exist in the Draft Corridor Plan (i.e. F, H, I, J, K, L, O & W aren't assigned although The TransAmerica Trail has the designation of TA for historical reasons)



Major Disadvantages: Alphabetical system limits growth; alphabetical alignment seems random; assigning designations may be difficult as system expands

Major Advantage: Very different from the US Highway designation system