



Roads With Many Names

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Have you ever found yourself on a different road without ever making a turn? If you are an Austin resident, you are no stranger to this phenomenon. Austin is known for “keeping it weird”, and the road names tend to follow in suit. Austin area roads often possess alternate aliases that describe the local culture and history of that particular location. When hearing directions from a local versus looking at a map, Austin can seem like a turned around place. Use this guide to learn the lingo for Central Texas area roads with multiple personalities.

6th St, formerly named **Pecan St** under Austin’s older naming convention in which east-west streets were named after trees. Historically this street served as the city’s east-west primary downtown commercial artery, and was home to the 1st Gracy Title office in 1873.

SoCo, aka the **South Congress Ave** is a shopping district lined with unique local shops and eclectic boutiques located between Barton Springs and Oltorf St. The south segment from IH-35 to US 290 is also known as **Loop 275**.

The North segment of **Loop 275**, from US 183 to IH-35, is known locally as **Lamar Blvd**.

In 1993 **1st St** was renamed **Cesar Chavez St** to honor the civil rights activist who died in April of that year.

Willie Nelson Blvd is the section of **2nd St**, from Trinity St to San Antonio St. It was renamed in May of 2010 in honor longtime Austin resident & outlaw country music icon.

IH-35 can at times be referred to as **Interregional Highway** from Hays County to Williamson County.

FM 2304 from FM 1626 to Matthews Ln is **Menchaca Rd**.

“The Drag” sits between 21st and 25th streets on **Guadalupe St** along the UT campus and is home to many Austin home-grown stores. You won’t find on a road sign for “The Drag”, but you’ll know when you get there.

US 183 variations:

- ▶ **Lockhart Hwy** south of SH 71 (Ben White Blvd)
- ▶ **Bastrop Hwy** between SH 71 (Ben White Blvd) and Loop 111 (Airport Boulevard)
- ▶ **Ed Bluestein Blvd** between Loop 111 (Airport Blvd) and US 290
- ▶ **Anderson Ln** between US 290 and Loop 275 (N Lamar Blvd)
- ▶ **Research Blvd** north of Loop 275 (N Lamar Blvd)
- ▶ **Bell Blvd** within the Cedar Park city limit

Koenig Ln is also **Spur 69** from Cameron Rd to N Lamar Blvd which is concurrent with **US 290** from Cameron Rd to IH-35. It’s **RM 2222** from Ave G to RM 620, is also known as **Allandale Rd** between Burnet Rd and Shoal Creek, as **Northland Dr** between Shoal Creek and Mesa Dr, as **Bull Creek Rd** near Loop 360, and as **Bullick Hollow Rd** west of RR 620.

US 290 is concurrent with **SH 71** through southwest Austin, which is known locally as **Ben White Blvd** and is also concurrent with **IH-35** through central Austin. It is also referred to as **Bastrop Hwy** east of US 183.

Loop 1 runs from SH 45 to Toll Texas 45 and is known locally as **MoPac Blvd** or “**MoPac**”, short for Missouri Pacific Railroad. The original section of the highway was built in the 1970s along the right-of-way of the Missouri Pacific, now owned by Union Pacific. It's also concurrent with **FM 1325** between Duval Rd and Merriltown Rd.

Loop 360, from US 290 to US 183, is known locally as **Capital of Texas Hwy**. Widely considered one of the most scenic urban roads in Central Texas, partly attributed to the rolling landscape and the Pennybacker, or 360 Bridge.

Loop 111 runs from US 183 to FM 969 and is better known as **Airport Blvd**. Part of this route, east of IH-35, once formed the south boundary of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, Austin's 1st airport.

Loop 343, from US 290 to IH-35, is better known as **Lamar Blvd** in south Austin and as **Cesar Chavez St** in downtown Austin.

FM 734 is known locally as **Parmer Ln** from west of RM 1431 becomes **Ronald W Reagan Blvd**.

19th St within the Austin city limits is **Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd**, changes to **FM 969** east of US 183, and is known as **Old Webberville Rd** west of Webberville.

Enfield Rd changes to **15th St** east of Windsor Rd.

Windsor Rd changes to **24th St** just before N Lamar Blvd. Windsor continues as Windsor, but travelers will need to exit to its southbound route where the name change occurs.

RM 2244 from SH 71 to Loop 1 is **Bee Cave(s) Rd**, sometimes spelled with the “s” and sometimes not.

RM 3238 from Travis County Rd 12 to SH 71 is also **Hamilton Pool Rd**.

RM 2322 from SH 71 to Camp Chatauqua Rd is known as **Pace Bend Rd**.

FM 3177 from FM 969 to US 290 is known as **Decker Ln**.

FM 1325 from US 183 to Williamson County is known as **Burnet Rd** and is concurrent with **Loop 1** between Duval Rd and Merriltown Dr.

RM 2769 from Lake Travis to Williamson County is known as **Wharf Cove** near Lake Travis, as **Dobbs City Scenic Dr** east of Volente, as **Cyprus Creek Rd** near Cyprus Creek County Park and as **Volente Rd** west of RM 620.

FM 1460 is known locally as **AW Grimes Blvd** from north Round Rock to SH 45. **FM 1460** becomes **Co Rd 170** south of SH 45 and continues as **AW Grimes Blvd** until it becomes **Grand Ave Pkwy** south of Pflugerville Pkwy.

FM 1825 from IH-35 to FM 685 is known locally as **Pecan St** in Pflugerville.

RM 1431 is **Whitestone Blvd** west of IH-35 and **University Blvd** from east of IH-35 to SH 130, and ends in Taylor as **Chandler Rd**.

Co Rd 168 in east Round Rock is also **Gattis School Rd**.

RM 620 from SH 45 to N Mays St in downtown Round Rock, is also **Round Rock Ave**.

FM 3406 west of IH-35 is known locally as **W Old Settlers Blvd** and as **E Old Settlers Blvd** east of IH-35, which then turns into **Co Rd 113** east of FM 1460.

Co Rd 175 is **Sam Bass Rd** from RR 1431 to IH-35, east of IH-35 it becomes **US 79** and it's also called **Palm Valley Blvd** until it reaches Taylor to become **W 2nd St**.

Loop 212 from US 290 north of Manor to US 290 northeast of Manor is also known as **West Murray Ave**, **North Lexington St** and **East Parsons St** in Manor. It's also known as **State Hwy 20** east of Manor and is concurrent with **FM 973** east of Manor.

FM 973 from US 183 to Williamson County, is concurrent with **FM 812** east of US 183 and is also concurrent with **Loop 212** in Manor.

Co Rd 174 in Round Rock is also called **Brushy Creek Rd** from US 183 to just before the junction at Great Oaks Dr., and from there as **Hairy Man Rd** to where it junctions into Sam Bass Rd.

