

# Criteria for State Highway 1 (SH1) Renaming

The following criteria are based on sections/parts of the AUS / NZ Standard (rural and urban addressing) and general provisions as part of the SH1 renaming process.

1. All criteria need to be met for names to be considered.
2. Names need to be supplied within 7 March to 14 April. **Late proposals will not be considered.**
3. More information on the State Highway 1 (SH1) renaming can be found at **[kapiticoast.govt.nz/SH1-renaming](http://kapiticoast.govt.nz/SH1-renaming)**
4. The council has chosen to seek proposals for renaming seven sections of the current SH1. The reasons for choosing seven sections for the SH1 renaming include having names that reflect the district character of each section of the road; and to retain street numbering to minimise disruption to affected property owners.
5. SH1 and Main Street (North and South) are the sections that will be renamed.
6. Amohia and Rimutaka Streets are retained due to their distinct history. The Council is not asking for suggestions to replace these sections of the State Highway.
7. Names can be suggested for individual sections or for all seven sections of State Highway 1.
8. Should a name require more research to understand its providence / history, Council will discuss this with the name proposer and suitable research will be carried out by an independent historian if required.
9. A proposed name should reflect the historical or cultural or existing thematic or environmental identity of an area, and to recognise the unique characteristics of that area and possibly the community. (This can be recognised by looking at mana whenua, early settlers, war servicemen and women and other persons who have contributed to the area and to its heritage, local history themes, commemoration of a local or national significant event, flora, fauna etc.)
10. A proposed name should only use characters from a standard English alphabet and recognised macrons for a Māori name, apostrophes and accents where necessary.
11. A proposed name must not be commercially based or be the name of living persons – unless the company is no longer in use and/or the name reflects the heritage of an area.
12. Every road name shall consist of a name element followed by a road type. Road names without a type shall not be used (e.g. 'Boundary' is not acceptable).
13. A road name shall comply with relevant jurisdictional legislation, policies and guidelines.

14. The use of an unofficial road name is not acceptable. Such a road shall be assigned an official name.
15. A road name shall not be offensive, racist, derogatory or demeaning.
16. A proposed name should be easy to pronounce, spell and write and preferably not exceed three words (including road type, e.g. 'road') or 25 characters. However, in the case of indigenous languages it is accepted that a traditional name which may appear at first to be complex will, over time, become familiar and easy to use within the community.
17. The name element of a road name, regardless of any difference in the road type, shall not be –
  - (a) the same as an existing road name;
  - (b) similar in spelling to an existing road name; or
  - (c) similar in sound to an existing road name;  
where the existing road name is –
    - (a) in the same locality; or
    - (b) in an adjoining locality; or
    - (c) in the same local government area.
18. A road name derived from indigenous sources should be local to the area and endorsed by the recognised local indigenous community. Where a road name is derived from an indigenous language it shall comply with the written form, should one exist.
19. A road name shall not consist of the conjoined names of places or localities found along or at the ends of the road (e.g. 'Newtown-Kelston Road').
20. The length of a road name should be shorter, rather than longer, especially where the road itself is short.
21. A road type shall not be included in the name part of a road name (e.g. Boulevard Street).
22. A road name shall have the same spelling as any name from which it is derived (e.g. McDonnell and McDonnell Road, and not McDonnell and MacDonnell Road)
23. A road name shall not be abbreviated or contain an abbreviation, initial, or acronym (e.g. 'Mount', not 'Mt') except that 'St' shall be used for 'Saint'
24. The definite article 'The' shall not be used as the sole name element of a road name (e.g. it is not acceptable to name a road 'The Avenue').
25. A road name should not include a preposition (e.g. Avenue of the Allies).

26. A road name shall not include a possessive apostrophe (e.g. St Georges Terrace not St George's Terrace). Apostrophes forming part of an eponymous name may be included (e.g. O'Connor Road).
27. A road name shall not include a full stop.
28. A road name shall only use characters from the standard alphabet, although macrons (e.g. ā) are permitted for a Maori name. Diacritical marks (e.g. ä, ç, ó) and special characters (e.g. @, &, !) shall not be used
29. A road name shall not include a hyphen. Where the name from which the road name is being derived includes a hyphen, it may be replaced with a space.
30. A road name shall not contain Arabic numbers (e.g. '3' or '4th') or Roman numerals. Where numbers are used they shall be written in full (e.g. Fifth Avenue, Ten Mile Road).
31. A road name shall not include qualifying terminology, a cardinal indicator, or a similar prefix (e.g. Upper, New, North, South), unless the road name is derived from a name which includes it.