

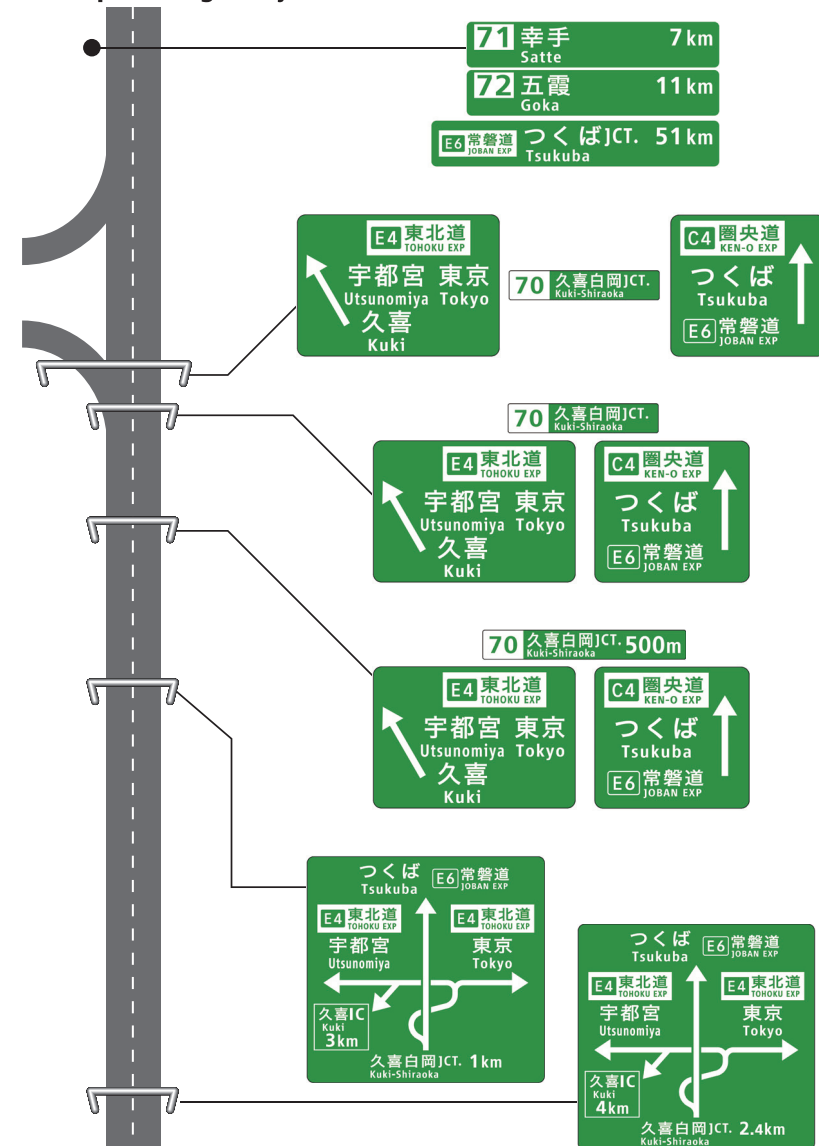
Road sign guidance

● Signs show both route numbers and route names.

◆ Examples of signs at expressway entrances ◆



◆ Examples of signs at junctions ◆



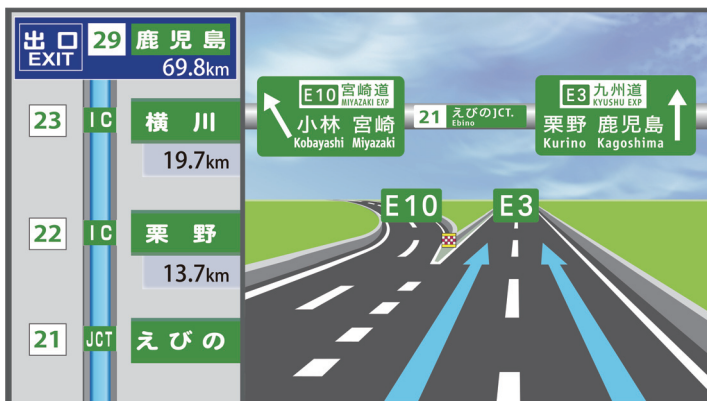
Application of expressway numbering

● The Expressway Numbering System is being applied to maps, car navigation systems, and various other tools and media.

◆ Example of numbering on a map ◆



◆ Example of numbering in a navigation system ◆



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Further details on the Expressway Numbering System are provided on the following website:
<http://www.mlit.go.jp/road/sign/numbering/index.html>

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Japan's Expressway Numbering System

Bringing an easy-to-understand route numbering system to the nation's expressways

The purpose of expressway numbering

- The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) is introducing this new numbering system, a scheme that combines route numbers with route names, to Japan's growing expressway network in order to make it easier to understand for all expressway users, including foreign visitors to Japan.



Routes covered by the Expressway Numbering System

- Routes forming the arterial high-standard highway network ("national expressways" and "national highways for motor vehicles only") as well as regional expressway networks that supplement this network
- Routes forming expressway networks that provide access to major airports, harbors, and tourist areas from the arterial high-standard highway network
(*Urban expressways that are already numbered [e.g., the Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway, Hanshin Expressway, etc.] are excluded from the new Expressway Numbering System.)

Basic features of the Expressway Numbering System

1. It's easy to get used to.

- ◆ The system uses the national route numbers (one or two digits) of main national routes that are already familiar to local residents.

2. It's simple and easy to understand.

- ◆ As a rule, numbers are limited to one or two digits.
- ◆ Routes having similar functions (for example, they have the same start and end points) are grouped into route "families."
- ◆ Road types and functions are indicated with alphabetic letters.
 - The letter "E" appearing at the beginning of a number indicates an expressway.
 - The letter "A" appearing at the end of a route number indicates a grouped route (i.e., road in a route family).
 - The letter "C" appearing at the beginning of a route number indicates a circular route.

3. It represents the structural layout of the nation.

- ◆ It establishes route "start" and "end" points to allow representation of the nation's structural layout using major expressway numbers.

Route symbol design



Single-digit number



Double-digit number



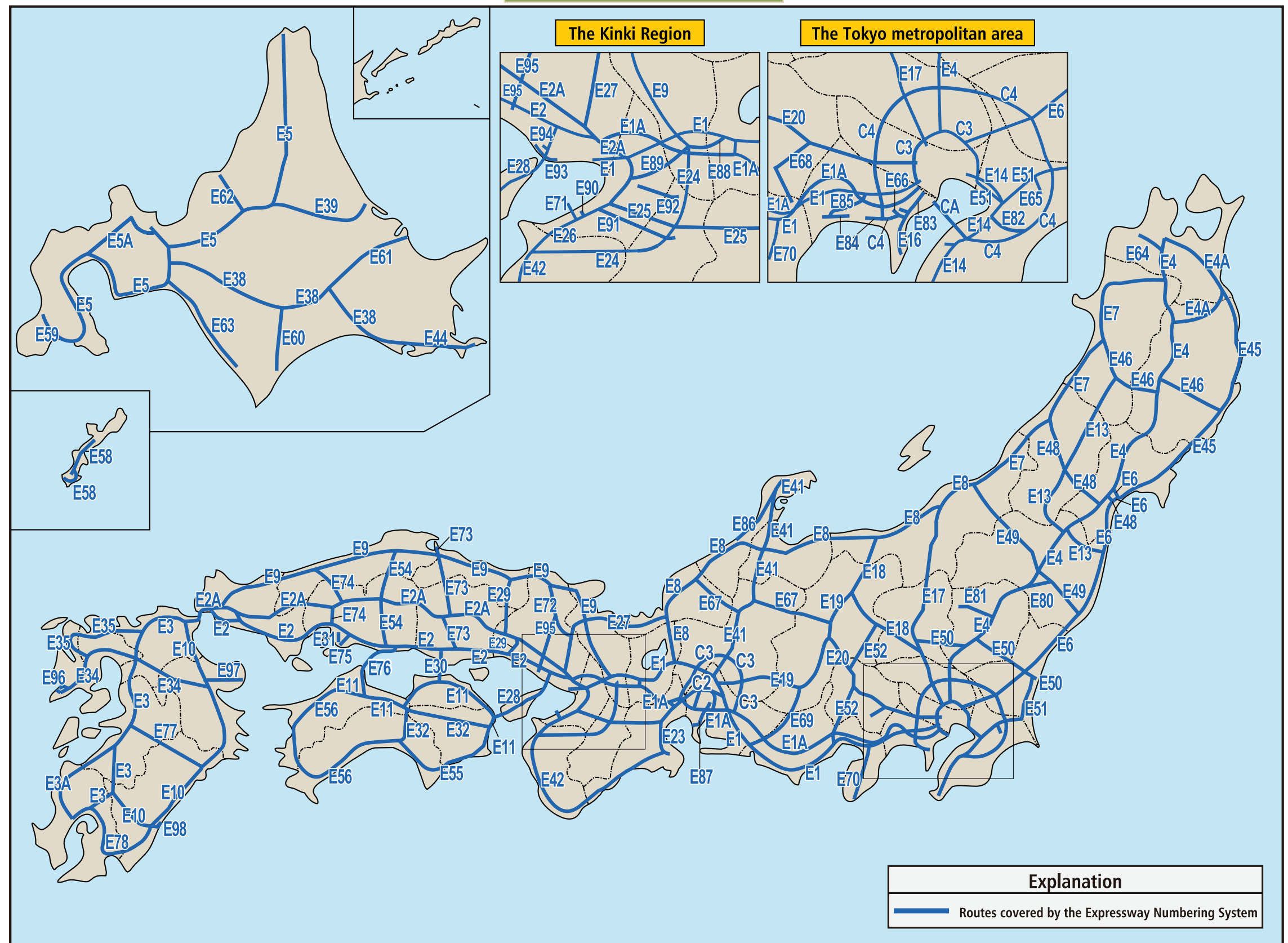
Circular route number

How to read route numbers

Route number	Japanese reading	English reading
E1	E-ichi	E-one
E56	E-goju-roku	E-fifty-six
C4	C-yon	C-four

Route number	Route name
E 1	TOMEI EXPWY, MEISHIN EXPWY
E 1 A	SHIN-TOMEI EXPWY, SHIN-MEISHIN EXPWY, ISEWANGAN EXPWY
E 2	SANYO EXPWY
E 2 A	CHUGOKU EXPWY, KANMON EXPWY
E 3	KYUSHU EXPWY
E 3 A	MINAMI-KYUSHU EXPWY
E 4	TOHOKU EXPWY
E 4 A	HACHINOHE EXPWY, AOMORI EXPWY, etc.
E 5	HOKKAIDO EXPWY, etc.
E 5 A	SASSON EXPWY, etc.
E 6	JOBAN EXPWY, SENDAI-TOBU ROAD, SANRIKU COAST EXPWY (Sendai-ko-kita – Rifu), SENDAI-HOKUBU ROAD
E 7	NIHONKAI TOHOKU EXPWY, AKITA EXPWY (Kawabe – Kosaka)
E 8	HOKURIKU EXPWY
E 9	KYOTO-JUKAN EXPWY, SAN-IN KINKI EXPWY, SAN-IN EXPWY
E 10	HIGASHI-KYUSHU EXPWY (Kitakyusyu – Kiyotake), MIYAZAKI EXPWY
E 11	TOKUSHIMA EXPWY (Tokushima – Naruto), TAKAMATSU EXPWY, MATSUYAMA EXPWY (Kawanoe – Matsuyama)
E 13	TOHOKU-CHUO EXPWY (Soma – Fukushima-kita), TOHOKU EXPWY (Fukushima-kita – Fukushima), TOHOKU-CHUO EXPWY (Fukushima – Yokote)
E 14	KEIYO ROAD, TATEYAMA EXPWY, FUTTSU-TATEYAMA ROAD
E 16	YOKOHAMA SHINDO (Shin-hodogaya – Kariba), YOKOHAMA-YOKOSUKA ROAD
E 17	KAN-ETSU EXPWY
E 18	JOSHIN-ETSU EXPWY
E 19	CHUO EXPWY (Komaki – Okaya), NAGANO EXPWY
E 20	CHUO EXPWY (Takaido – Okaya)
E 23	HIGASHI-MEIHAN EXPWY, ISE EXPWY
E 24	KEINAWA EXPWY
E 25	MEIHAN EXPWY, NISHI-MEIHAN EXPWY
E 26	KINKI EXPWY, HANWA EXPWY (Matsubara – Wakayama)
E 27	MAIZURU-WAKASA EXPWY
E 28	KOBE-AWAJI-NARUTO EXPWY
E 29	HARIMA EXPWY, CHUGOKU EXPWY (Yamatsuki – Sayo), TOTTORI EXPWY
E 30	SETO CHUO EXPWY
E 31	HIROSHIMA-KURE ROAD
E 32	TOKUSHIMA EXPWY (Tokushima – Kawanoe-higashi), KOCHI EXPWY (Kawanoe – Kochi)
E 34	OITA EXPWY (Hiji – Tosu), NAGASAKI EXPWY, NAGASAKI-DEJIMA ROAD
E 35	NISHI-KYUSHU EXPWY
E 38	DOTO EXPWY (Chitose-Eniwa – Akan), etc.
E 39	ASAHIKAWA-MONBETSU EXPWY
E 41	TOKAI-HOKURIKU EXPWY, NOETSU EXPWY
E 42	KISEI EXPWY, HANWA EXPWY (Nanki-Tanabe – Wakayama), etc.
E 44	KUSHIRO-SOTOKAN ROAD (Kushiro-higashi – Kushiro-Beppo), etc.
E 45	SANRIKU COAST EXPWY (Rifu – Hachinohe)
E 46	KAMAISHI EXPWY, TOHOKU EXPWY (Hanamaki – Kitakami), AKITA EXPWY (Kitakami – Kawabe)
E 48	SENDAI-NANBU ROAD, TOHOKU EXPWY (Sendai-minami – Murata), YAMAGATA EXPWY
E 49	BAN-ETSU EXPWY
E 50	KITA-KANTO EXPWY, HIGASHI-MITO ROAD, HITACHINAKA TOLL ROAD
E 51	HIGASHI-KANTO EXPWY
E 52	SHIN-TOMEI EXPWY (Shimizu – Shin-Shimizu), CHUBU-ODAN EXPWY (Shin-shimizu – Futaba), CHUO EXPWY (Futaba – Nagasaka), CHUBU-ODAN EXPWY (Nagasaka – Sakukomoro)
E 54	ONOMICHI EXPWY, MATSUE EXPWY
E 55	HIWASA ROAD, KITAGAWA-NAHARI ROAD, KOCHI-TOBU EXPWY, etc.
E 56	KOCHI EXPWY (Kochi – Shimantocho-chuo), MATSUYAMA EXPWY (Ozu – Matsuyama), etc.
E 58	OKINAWA EXPWY, NAHA AIRPORT EXPWY
E 59	HAKODATE-ESASHI EXPWY
E 60	OBIHIRO-HIROO EXPWY
E 61	DOTO EXPWY (Honbetsu – Ashoro), TOKACHI-OKHOTSK EXPWY, etc.
E 62	FUKAGAWA-RUMOI EXPWY
E 63	HIDAKA EXPWY
E 64	TSUGARU EXPWY
E 65	SHIN-KUKO EXPWY
E 66	KEN-O EXPWY (Sakae – Totsuka)
E 67	CHUBU-JUKAN EXPWY
E 68	CHUO EXPWY (Otsuki – Kawaguchiko), HIGASHI-FUJIGOKO ROAD
E 69	SHIN-TOMEI EXPWY (Mikkabi – Hamamatsu-Inasa), SAN-ENNAISHIN EXPWY
E 70	IZU JUKAN EXPWY

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Route number	Route name
E 71	KANSAI-KUKO EXPWY, KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ACCESS BRIDGE
E 72	KITAKINKI TOYO-OKA EXPWY
E 73	OKAYAMA EXPWY, CHUGOKU EXPWY (Hokubo – Ochiai), YONAGO EXPWY
E 74	HIROSHIMA EXPWY, CHUGOKU EXPWY (Hiroshima-kita – Chiyoda), HAMADA EXPWY
E 75	HIGASHIHIROSHIMA KURE EXPWY
E 76	ONOMICHI-FUKUYAMA EXPWY, SHIMANAMI EXPWY, IMABARI-KOMATSU EXPWY
E 77	KYUSHU-CHUO EXPWY
E 78	HIGASHI-KYUSHU EXPWY (Kiyotake – Kajiki)
E 80	ABUKUMA KOGEN ROAD
E 81	NIKKO-UTSUNOMIYA ROAD
E 82	CHIBA-TOGANE ROAD

Route number	Route name
E 83	DAISAN-KEIHIN, YOKOHAMA SHINDO (Hodogaya – Totsuka)
E 84	SHIN-SHONAN BY-PASS (Chigasaki – Chigasaki-kaigan), SEISHO BY-PASS
E 85	ODAWARA-ATSUGI ROAD
E 86	NOTO SATOYAMA KAIDO (Chidoridai – Tokudaotsu)
E 87	CHITAHANTO ROAD (Odaka – Handa-chuo), CENTRAIR LINE
E 88	KEIJI BY-PASS
E 89	DAINI-KEIHAN ROAD
E 90	SAKAISENBOKU TOLL ROAD
E 91	MINAMI-HANNA TOLL ROAD, MINAMI-HANNA ROAD, YAMATOTAKADA BY-PASS (Bennocho – Shijo)
E 92	DAINI HANNA TOLL ROAD

Route number	Route name
E 93	DAINI SHINMEI ROAD
E 94	DAINI SHINMEI KITASEN ROAD
E 95	BANTAN ROAD
E 96	NAGASAKI BY-PASS
E 97	HUJI BY-PASS, OITA AIRPORT ROAD
E 98	HITOTSUBA TOLL ROAD (SOUTH ROUTE)
C 3	(TOKYO-)GAIKAN EXPWY
C 4	KEN-O EXPWY (Kamariya – Kisarazu)
C A	TOKYO-WAN-AQUA-LINE EXPWY, AQUA RENRAKU EXPWY
C 2	MEI-NIKAN EXPWY
C 3	TOKAI-KANJO EXPWY

Explanation

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