

= California State Route 188 =

State Route 188 (SR 188) is a two @-@ mile (3 km) route that connects State Route 94 with the Mexico ? United States border . Its southern terminus is at the border near Tecate , Baja California and its northern terminus is near Tecate , California with SR 94 . The route was assigned in the area in 1972 , and has remained intact since .

= = Route description = =

State Route 188 or Tecate Road begins at the U.S.-Mexico border in the community of Tecate , Baja California ; this border crossing handled roughly four percent of all traffic in between Baja California and California during 2008 . The route progresses northward , passing through a large commercial district in Tecate , California . The highway heads to an intersection with Thing Road , where it turns to the northeast and out of the commercial district . The route continues to the northeast , intersecting with Humphries Road , where the surroundings become highly undeveloped . SR 188 continues to an intersection with SR 94 a short distance out of Potrero , where the designation ends and right @-@ of @-@ way merges into SR 94 .

The entire route is in the National Highway System , a network of roadways important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility . In 2013 , SR 188 had an annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 5 @,@ 600 at the northern terminus , and 5 @,@ 900 at the southern terminus , the latter of which was the highest AADT for the highway .

= = History = =

The original alignment of SR 188 , when routes where first assigned , was designated as Legislative Route 94 . In the 1964 state highway renumbering , SR 188 was officially defined as " the south end of Fallen Leaf Lake to Route 89 near Camp Richardson " ; this was later removed in 1965 .

A road from the town of Potrero to Tecate existed by 1917 . The Tecate border crossing originally opened in 1932 . In 1938 , the San Diego County board of supervisors proposed moving rerouting the road to be shorter and on more level ground , although there was opposition from local residents and businesses who favored the old road . However , the route of the road to Tecate has remained the same since then .

The current routing of SR 188 was assigned in 1972 . The route has remained virtually unchanged since . The Tecate border crossing expanded through the opening of the Tecate Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility , including truck scales ; this was completed in 2008 , with past expansions to the crossing having been completed in 2004 and 2005 .

= = Future = =

Improvements are being planned to connect the two ports of entry with a truck bypass to improve security ; these are scheduled for completion by 2015 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in San Diego County .