

= State Route 346 (New York ? Vermont) =

New York State Route 346 (NY 346) and Vermont Route 346 (VT 346) are short , adjoining state highways in the northeastern United States . Together , they extend for a combined 7 @. @ 25 miles (11 @. @ 67 km) through the towns of Petersburg in Rensselaer County , New York , and Pownal in Bennington County , Vermont . The bi @-@ state highway begins at an intersection with NY 22 in the hamlet of North Petersburg and heads generally southeastward across the New York ? Vermont state line to a junction with U.S. Route 7 (US 7) in the village of Pownal . Both NY 346 and VT 346 parallel the Hoosick River .

The Vermont portion of the highway was originally designated as Vermont Route 112 by 1926 . The New York continuation was assigned NY 346 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , and VT 112 was renumbered to VT 346 in the late 1930s to match the designation on the New York side . VT 346 , the longer of the two routes at 4 @. @ 628 miles (7 @. @ 448 km) in length , is currently the highest @-@ numbered state highway in Vermont .

= = Route description = =

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NY 346 begins at an intersection with NY 22 southeast of the Rensselaer County State Forest in North Petersburg , a hamlet within the town of Petersburg . The route heads eastward out of the hamlet , crossing over the Little Hoosick River just east of North Petersburg before following the Hoosick River eastward along the base of a valley surrounding the river . About 0 @. @ 5 miles (0 @. @ 8 km) east of the hamlet , NY 346 meets County Route 95 (CR 95) , the only through road that NY 346 intersects between NY 22 and the Vermont state line . Past CR 95 , NY 346 turns southeastward , paralleling both the Hoosick River and CR 96 on the other side of the river to the Vermont state line , where the highway becomes VT 346 . Unlike NY 346 , which is posted with east ? west cardinal directions , VT 346 is signed as north ? south .

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While NY 346 follows the southern bank of the Hoosick River , VT 346 largely runs along the northern bank . The switch in positioning is made just east of the state line , where VT 346 crosses over the waterway . The route continues eastward , intersecting Indian Massacre Road , the continuation of CR 96 , and crossing a Pan Am Railways @-@ owned railroad line on its way to a junction with Lime Kiln Road , a local highway leading to the village of Pownal Center . At this point , VT 346 turns southward into the village of North Pownal . The route heads generally north ? south through the community , running alongside both the Hoosick River and the Pan Am Railways line .

South of North Pownal , VT 346 heads through a more rural area of the town of Pownal , passing by farmland and open fields as it follows the river and the railroad toward the village of Pownal . Roughly 1 mile (1 @. @ 6 km) north of the community , VT 346 also begins to follow US 7 (the Ethan Allen Highway) , which runs parallel to VT 346 farther up the side of the river valley . US 7 descends the valley into Pownal , where both US 7 and VT 346 follow north ? south routings through the small village . The two routes meet at a junction southeast of the village center , at which point VT 346 comes to an end . The average annual daily traffic of VT 346 is highest in Pownal , where the route handles around 2 @, @ 800 cars per day as of 2012 , and lowest between Church Street and Dean Road , where it dips to about 1 @, @ 600 vehicles per day .

= = History = =

The portion of the North Petersburg ? Pownal highway within the state of Vermont was originally designated as VT 112 by 1926 . Its continuation into the state of New York was designated as NY

346 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . VT 112 was renumbered to VT 346 in the late 1930s to match the New York designation .

= = Major intersections = =