

= Washington State Route 127 =

State Route 127 (SR 127) is a 27 @. @ 05 @- @ mile @- @ long (43 @. @ 53 km) state highway serving the eastern region of the U.S. state of Washington . The highway , listed on the National Highway System , begins in rural Garfield County at U.S. Route 12 (US 12) and travels north across the Snake River on the Elmer Huntley Bridge . The roadway continues into Whitman County before it ends at SR 26 in Dusty . SR 127 formed a section of the Inland Empire Highway and Primary State Highway 3 (PSH 3) prior to becoming US 295 in 1926 . US 295 was decommissioned in 1968 and replaced by a longer SR 127 , traveling its full length from Dodge to Colfax from its establishment in 1970 until an extension of SR 26 to Colfax in 1979 .

= = Route description = =

SR 127 begins at an intersection with US 12 in the unincorporated community of Dodge , located between Starbuck and Pomeroy in rural Garfield County . The highway travels north around Dodge Hill and into the hills along New York Gulch before reaching the Snake River . SR 127 crosses the Snake River on the Elmer Huntley Bridge into Whitman County east of the former Central Ferry State Park . The highway continues northeast up the Central Ferry grade to Dusty , where SR 127 ends at an intersection with SR 26 .

Every year , the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) conducts a series of surveys on its highways in the state to measure traffic volume . This is expressed in terms of average annual daily traffic (AADT) , which is a measure of traffic volume for any average day of the year . In 2012 , WSDOT calculated that the busiest section of SR 127 was its northern terminus at SR 26 , serving 1 @, @ 000 vehicles . The entire route of SR 127 is designated as part of the National Highway System , a highway system that includes roadways important to the national economy , defense , and mobility ; and as a Highway of Statewide Significance by WSDOT , which includes highways that connect major communities in the state of Washington .

= = History = =

The present route of SR 127 was added to the Washington state highway system in 1913 as part of the Inland Empire Highway , traveling in a circular arc from Ellensburg through the Yakima Valley and into the Palouse towards the Canadian border in Laurier . The Inland Empire Highway was numbered as State Road 3 in 1923 and PSH 3 in 1937 as part of the primary and secondary state highways . The United States Highway System was adopted on November 11 , 1926 by the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) and included US 295 , traveling northeast from US 410 at Dodge to US 195 in Colfax and crossing the Snake River at Central Ferry . US 295 succeeded PSH 3 during the 1964 state highway renumbering , but was decommissioned in 1968 before the new state highway system was codified . The roadway was re @- @ designated as SR 127 after the new sign route number system was codified into the Revised Code of Washington in 1970 , traveling 43 @. @ 82 miles (70 @. @ 52 km) from US 12 at Dodge to US 195 in Colfax and crossing the Snake River on the Elmer Huntley Bridge , completed in 1969 . SR 127 was truncated to its present route after SR 26 was extended east to Colfax over the former route of SR 127 .

= = Major intersections = =