

= Texas State Highway 151 =

State Highway 151 , or SH 151 , also known as the Raymond E. Stotzer Jr . Freeway is a 10 @. @ 7 @-@ mile (17 @. @ 2 km) state highway in the U.S. state of Texas that runs from Loop 1604 to U.S. Highway 90 (US 90) in San Antonio . SH 151 is a limited @-@ access freeway for its entire length with the exception of its junction with Loop 1604 at its western terminus where a traffic light controls the junction . The routing of the freeway was first conceived in 1983 and construction was conducted in phases through the 1980s and 1990s until completion in 2004 . The freeway provides access to the western part of San Antonio , the SeaWorld San Antonio theme park , Chase , Northwest Vista College , and the future site of a Microsoft data center .

= = History = =

The route of Highway 151 was originally conceived in 1983 by local land developer Charles Martin Wender and later received approval by Raymond Stotzer , the district supervisor of the Texas Department of Transportation at the time and for whom the freeway would later be named . The freeway was a joint effort with landowners providing 85 % of the right @-@ of @-@ way worth US \$ 26 million and half of the cost of the frontage roads worth \$ 14 million with the city buying the rest . During the construction of the freeway , the Texas Turnpike Authority considered SH 151 as a candidate to become a toll road , but this drew much criticism from local politicians and the Bexar County commissioners and did not come to fruition .

The freeway was built in phases with the frontage roads constructed first followed by the main lanes . The overpasses for Wiseman Boulevard , Westover Hills Boulevard and Military Drive between I @-@ 410 and Loop 1604 were completed over the main lanes of SH 151 in 1987 . In 1988 , the I @-@ 410 overpasses over the SH 151 frontage roads were completed , as was the interchange with US 90 at the eastern terminus . Also completed in 1988 were the frontage road bridges over Leon and Slick Ranch Creek , which enabled traffic to travel the entire corridor from Loop 1604 to US 90 by way of the frontage roads . The main lane overpasses at FM 1957 (Potranco Road) and Ingram Road were completed in 1997 . The overpasses at Pinn Road and Enrique M. Barrera Parkway were completed in 1998 , and completed at Callaghan Road in 2000 . Construction of the freeway was completed in 2004 .

= = Route description = =

SH 151 begins at Loop 1604 , the outer loop around San Antonio , on the west side of San Antonio and from there follows a southeastern path through the western part of the city . The highway provides access to the SeaWorld San Antonio theme park as well as industry along its corridor to include Chase , Hyatt Hill Country Resort , World Savings , Philips semiconductor , the National Security Agency campus , QVC , American Funds , Maxim Integrated Products , and the Northwest Vista College , as well as the nearby Southwest Research Institute . Microsoft has also selected the corridor for a \$ 550 million data center . The highway continues to the southeast to a junction with Interstate 410 (I @-@ 410) , the inner loop around San Antonio . There is not a direct connect interchange at the junction of I @-@ 410 . It is necessary to travel on both highways ' frontage roads in order to change highways . The highway continues to the southeast through mainly undeveloped land until it merges with US 90 . According to the San Antonio Master Thoroughfare Plan , there are plans to extend SH 151 westward from Loop 1604 to SH 211 . The plan also shows the construction of an interchange at Loop 1604 .

Traffic volumes are low to moderate for the entire length of the freeway ranging from 14 @, @ 500 average annual daily traffic (AADT) just east of Loop 1604 to 46 @, @ 000 AADT between Farm to Market Road 1957 (FM 1957) and I @-@ 410 . Between 2003 and 2005 , traffic volumes have remained steady between I @-@ 410 and US 90 . In that same time period , traffic between I @-@ 410 and Loop 1604 has increased by 1 @, @ 100 @-@ 7 @, @ 000 AADT .

= = Exit list = =

The entire route is in San Antonio , Bexar County . All exits are unnumbered .