

## = Washington State Route 225 =

State Route 225 ( SR 225 ) is an 11 @. @ 32 @-@ mile ( 18 @. @ 22 km ) long two @-@ lane state highway located entirely in Benton County , Washington , United States . The highway travels over the Benton City ? Kiona Bridge , which is listed on the Washington Heritage Register and National Register of Historic Places , over the Yakima River . After turning through Benton City , the highway parallels the river for the remainder of the route . Several different proposals have been introduced to alleviate traffic flow issues at the SR 224 / SR 225 interchange .

### = = Route description = =

SR 225 starts at a t @-@ intersection with SR 224 just north of the Interstate 82 / U.S. Route 12 interchange in south Benton City . The highway passes over the Yakima River on the Benton City ? Kiona Bridge , which is listed on the Washington Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places . After a brief turn to the west , the highway resumes northerly into Benton City , serving as the main street through town . The Yakima River continues to parallel the highway as it exits town , passing between a hill on the west side and the river , followed by Horn Rapids County Park on the east until the highways terminus at SR 240 .

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 2009 , WSDOT calculated that as few as 1 @, @ 000 cars used the highway at the terminus at SR 240 , and as many as 7 @, @ 800 cars at the interchange with SR 224 .

### = = History = =

SR 225 was added to the highway logs during the 1991 legislative session , and since then the only major changes to the highway have been the replacement of the bridge over a drainage canal about 0 @. @ 27 miles ( 0 @. @ 43 km ) from the western terminus of the highway .

WSDOT is studying several different proposed changes to the SR 224 / SR 225 interchange to improve traffic flow , including signaling the intersection , moving the off ramp from I @-@ 84 and making a 5 @-@ way stop , and multiple different roundabout solutions , which are the WSDOT preferred methods of improving the intersection . Costs are estimated to be between \$ 2 @, @ 000 @, @ 000 and \$ 7 @, @ 400 @, @ 000 .

### = = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Benton County .