

= Colorado State Highway 112 =

State Highway 112 (SH 112) is a 27 @.@ 802 @-@ mile @-@ long (44 @.@ 743 km) state highway in southern Colorado . Built in 1916 and formally defined in 1922 , the route begins at its western end in Del Norte at a junction with U.S. Highway 160 (US 160) . From there the road travels east crossing US 285 two miles (3 @.@ 2 km) west of Center before reaching its eastern terminus at Hooper where it meets SH 17 .

= = Route description = =

The route begins at US 160 in central Del Norte . Here , it begins northward along Oak Street before crossing the Rio Grande , where the route exits the city and curves northeastward . The highway then straddles the Rio Grande ? Saguache county line as it travels in a northeasterly direction . Soon , it intersects County Route 374 , which traverses east all the way to US 285 . The route then suddenly curves eastward when it meets Twelve Mile Road . As the route continues to meet numerous county roads along its length , the land along the side of the road transitions from plain grassland to circular @-@ shaped fields of crops . The route meets US 285 approximately twelve miles east of Del Norte .

East of US 285 , the route enters the town of Center , where it skirts the south side of town as 8th Street . Here , it meets a railroad that connects the town to Sugar Junction farther south . The route moves east through farmland , where it meets County Road 100 , which continues south to SH 15 . It then skirts along the county line all the way east to SH 17 at the north side of Hooper .

= = History = =

In 1916 , a 12 @-@ mile (19 km) gravel road numbered as 10 @-@ S ran from Center to Hooper . Another unsurfaced part of the road continued to Alamosa from Hooper . By the late 1910s , the Highway Department of Colorado had built State Highway 68 , which ran from Del Norte to SH 36 . When built , the route had a five @-@ mile (6 @.@ 0 km) gap along the Rio Grande ? Saguache county line , on which work began in the 1920s . In 1922 , SH 68 was renumbered as SH 112 from Del Norte to Hooper .

By 1930 , SH 112 had been paved from Del Norte to the county line . Because the residents of San Luis Valley sought better roads , the Department of Highways began improving SH 112 around the area , but the highway was not fully surfaced until 1946 . The next year , Rio Grande and Saguache counties paid to resurface the rest of the road in asphalt . Since 1947 , there have been no major realignments in the routing .

= = Major intersections = =