

= Washington State Route 276 =

State Route 276 (SR 276) was a legislated , but not constructed , state highway located in the U.S. state of Washington . The highway was meant to serve as a northern bypass of Pullman in Whitman County , traveling east from U.S. Route 195 (US 195) west of the city to SR 270 east of the city . Proposals were first drawn in 1969 for a complete ring road around Pullman , with the west side built and signed as US 195 in 1975 . The northern segment of the ring road was codified in law in 1973 as SR 276 , however no construction has occurred ; in 2016 , the highway was removed via legislative action .

= = Route description = =

SR 276 is legislated to begin at an intersection with US 195 west of Pullman in rural Whitman County . The highway would continue east through the Palouse as a divided limited @-@ access highway , intersecting Brayton Road at an at @-@ grade intersection and SR 27 at a diamond interchange . SR 276 would turn southeast and intersect the future Coliseum Road at a diamond interchange before ending at SR 270 east of Pullman .

The highway was proposed primarily to relieve traffic on SR 27 and SR 270 through downtown Pullman , measured in surveys conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) using average annual daily traffic (AADT) . WSDOT determined the intersection between SR 27 and SR 270 in downtown Pullman as the busiest highway in the region . SR 270 averaged 19 @,@ 000 vehicles east of the intersection and SR 27 averaged 16 @,@ 000 vehicles south of the intersection in 2011 , while WSDOT predicted that average traffic could rise to 26 @,@ 000 vehicles by 2025 .

= = History = =

A ring road around Pullman was first proposed by the Washington State Highway Commission in 1966 and surveyed in 1970 . Right @-@ of @-@ way acquisition by WSDOT began in 1972 and the corridor was designated and codified into law as SR 276 the following year . 2 @.@ 8 miles (4 @.@ 51 km) of the ring road was completed west of the city as part of US 195 in 1974 while a public survey in 1975 recommended a southern bypass for SR 270 instead of SR 276 . The bypass project was canceled by 1978 and the WSDOT right @-@ of @-@ way was leased to farmers for agricultural purposes . The project was restarted with a transportation study from the Spokane Regional Council in 1993 and funded by the Pullman municipal government as part of their comprehensive plan . A route development plan , funded by WSDOT , recommended the construction of a 6 @.@ 89 @-@ mile @-@ long (11 @.@ 09 km) divided limited @-@ access highway with a single at @-@ grade intersection at Brayton Road .

In 2016 , a bill was introduced in the Washington State Legislature to decommission the unbuilt highway by removing its designation , primarily to facilitate the expansion of the Pullman ? Moscow Regional Airport runway . The bill was passed out of the legislature and was signed by the Governor of Washington on April 1 , 2016 .