

= Washington State Route 531 =

State Route 531 (SR 531) is a short Washington state highway in Snohomish County . It extends east 9 @. @ 88 miles (15 @. @ 90 km) , from Wenberg County Park in the community of Lake Goodwin , to SR 9 in southeast Arlington . SR 531 intersects Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) , and passes the Arlington Airport . The route connects I @- @ 5 to SR 9 , Smokey Point , and Wenberg County Park . The Washington State Legislature approved SR 531 's current route in 1991 . Since then , construction projects , arranged by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) , have turned this small road into an arterial street . Even though the Washington State Legislature and WSDOT approved SR 531 in 1991 , they erected no signs until April 1 , 1992 , when the law creating the road took effect .

The road now used by SR 531 has existed as a separate route since at least 1911 . A map dating from 1911 shows that 172nd Street , then known simply as Lakewood Road and Edgecomb Road , extended east from its current intersection with SR 9 to the banks of the South Fork Stillaguamish River .

= = Route description = =

State Route 531 runs about 9 @. @ 88 miles (15 @. @ 90 km) , from Wenberg County Park to State Route 9 south of Arlington . The route links the communities of Lake Goodwin , North Lakewood (also known as Lakewood) , Smokey Point , and Edgecomb . It also passes four schools in the Lakewood School District , as well as Weston High School in the Arlington School District . The road intersects four major arteries : Forty @- @ Five Road , Interstate 5 , Smokey Point Boulevard (formerly known as U.S. Route 99) , and 67th Avenue , before ending at SR 9 . WSDOT found that , based on average annual daily traffic (AADT) data , about 35 @, @ 000 motorists utilize the road daily at the I @- @ 5 interchange .

Starting at Wenberg County Park , the route runs north along East Lake Goodwin Road until it intersects Lakewood Road . From there , SR 531 travels east along Lakewood Road around Lake Ki before reaching Forty @- @ Five Road . Here , Lakewood Road becomes the main artery of North Lakewood and Smokey Point , 172nd Street . Continuing east , SR 531 intersects 11th Avenue .

After intersecting 11th Avenue , SR 531 becomes the northern boundary of the Lakewood High School campus . SR 531 continues east from 11th Avenue to 16th Drive , shortly after entering Marysville city limits . Soon thereafter , the road intersects 19th Drive , which connects the southeastern section of North Lakewood with SR 531 . Continuing east across a double track , the highway intersects 27th Avenue , which connects the road with Lakewood Crossing , a shopping center in Lakewood . SR 531 then continues further east to the interchange with I @- @ 5 .

After leaving the interchange with I @- @ 5 , along with North Lakewood and Marysville city limits , SR 531 continues east to Smokey Point Boulevard (formerly U.S. Route 99) in Smokey Point . The road then maintains straight east , passing Weston High School and Arlington Municipal Airport before intersecting 67th Avenue . From 67th Avenue , SR 531 travels east to a suburban community of Edgecomb . The road curves northeast and then southeast while on a hill . SR 531 travels east past the Arlington Gun Range and Gleneagle , a large housing area , before ending at an intersection with SR 9 .

= = History = =

The whole stretch highway from Wenberg County Park to current SR 9 has been known to exist earlier than 1911 . 172nd Street NE , now SR 531 , once extended from what is currently SR 9 to the banks of the South Fork Stillaguamish River . This part of the highway has been removed .

SR 531 became a state highway in 1991 , but the highway designation did not take effect until April 1 , 1992 . In 2006 , WSDOT announced it would complete three more projects over about five years to improve SR 531 . The first , to improve the bridge and interchange between I @- @ 5 and SR 531 , began immediately . The Tulalip , Stillaguamish , Samish and Kikiallus Tribes helped fund the

construction of the project . On April 30 , 2005 , the old two @-@ lane SR 531 bridge was demolished during the night . WSDOT redirected traffic on SR 531 to the completed north side of the new bridge , while the northbound lanes of Interstate 5 were closed to all traffic and rerouted on ramps from I @-@ 5 to SR 531 . During construction , eastbound SR 531 left @-@ turn lanes were closed ; a detour on Smokey Point Boulevard and SR 530 provided direct drivers access to northbound I @-@ 5 . The other half of the bridge was later demolished in May 2005 . All of the temporary structures on the bridge were subsequently removed in December 2005 . Partly finished in June 2006 , WSDOT plans to complete the project after adding a loop ramp in 2011 . In August 2007 , WSDOT completed a project to add sidewalks along SR 531 to the adjacent schools of the Lakewood School District .

An upcoming project , adding a loop ramp onto the I @-@ 5 interchange , started in March 2009 and will end in 2011 . WSDOT has awarded the contract for the project to Northwest Construction , Inc . Part of the project includes widening the main entry point to Lakewood Crossing , by adding turn pockets . Widening SR 531 between 43rd Avenue NE and 67th Avenue NE from its current two to five lanes near the Arlington Airport is another planned project . The project is currently in planning stages and WSDOT has set up a webpage for the project .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Snohomish County .