

= Ohio State Route 500 =

State Route 500 ( SR 500 ) is a 13 @. @ 32 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 21 @. @ 44 km ) Ohio State Route that runs between the Indiana state line and Paulding in the US state of Ohio . None of the highway is listed on the National Highway System . Most of the route is a rural two @- @ lane highway and passes through both farmland and residential properties . For much of its path , SR 500 runs generally parallel to the north of Flatrock Creek .

The highway was first signed in 1937 on much of the same alignment as today . SR 500 replaced the SR 194 designation of the highway which dated back to 1923 ; SR 194 ran between Payne and Paulding . Some of the highway was paved in 1937 , with the rest of the route being paved in 1951 .

= = Route description = =

SR 500 begins at an intersection with county @- @ maintained State Line Road and Paulding Road on the Indiana state line in western Benton Township . The highway heads northeast as a two @- @ lane highway passing through farmland , with a few houses . The route turns east , then bends back to the northeast . At this point , Flatrock Creek appears close to the south side of the roadway , resulting in that side of the highway becoming primarily wooded , while the north side of the highway remains bounded by farmland . The route arrives at a T @- @ intersection with SR 49 on the southern boundary of Payne . At this point , it joins SR 49 heading north into the village along Main Street through a primarily residential area .

The road arrives at a traffic signal where it meets SR 613 ( Townline Street ) . This highway comes into the intersection from the west , and joins SR 49 and SR 500 going north for two blocks along Main Street into downtown Payne . At that point , the concurrency hits a signalized intersection with Merrin Street and SR 500 and SR 613 turn to the east , while SR 49 continues heading north . East of SR 49 , the SR 500 and SR 613 concurrency goes through the central business district and then into a residential neighborhood . The highway briefly jogs north via Maple Street before turning east @- @ southeasterly onto Orchard Street , which it follows through the eastern portion of Payne . While the north side of the street is bounded by homes , the south side becomes wooded as Flatrock Creek reappears nearby .

The route curves to the northeast at the County Road 47 ( CR 47 ) intersection and , upon crossing a set of railroad tracks , departs Payne . Now traveling through Harrison Township , the routes travel past rows of houses on each side of the highway before emerging into a landscape of farmland . Woods then appear along both sides of the roadway a short distance before SR 613 turns off to the east from SR 500 , which continues in an east @- @ northeasterly fashion . The route proceeds into Paulding Township passing a mix of farmland and houses , with forested land appearing along the south side at intervals where Flatrock Creek passes close to the highway . At CR 132 , the highway turns north for a short distance , passing along the west side of the campus of Paulding County Hospital just prior to its endpoint at SR 111 in the westernmost part of Paulding . Continuing north after SR 500 ends is CR 103 .

There is no section of SR 500 that is included as a part of the National Highway System . The highway is maintained by the Ohio Department of Transportation ( ODOT ) like all other state routes in the state . The department tracks the traffic volumes along all state highways as a part of its maintenance responsibilities using a metric called average annual daily traffic ( AADT ) . This measurement is a calculation of the traffic level along a segment of roadway for any average day of the year . In 2012 , ODOT figured that the lowest traffic levels were present on the section that is west of SR 49 , where only 410 vehicles used the highway daily . The peak traffic volume was 2 @, @ 830 vehicles AADT along a section of SR 500 at is concurrent with SR 49 and SR 613 .

= = History = =

In 1923 , SR 500 was signed as SR 194 northeast from Payne to Paulding and west of Payne was a county road . SR 194 was decommissioned in 1927 leaving the route that later became SR 500 as

a county road . The commissioning of SR 500 took place in 1937 , and replaced a county road west of Payne , while east of Payne it replaced the former route of SR 194 . The highway had a gravel surface between the Indiana state line and SR 49 , while between SR 49 and its eastern terminus at SR 111 it was paved . In 1951 , the westernmost portion of SR 500 between the Indiana state line and SR 49 was paved . By 1955 , SR 113 , now SR 613 , was rerouted to be concurrent with SR 500 northeast of Payne to the current eastern split of the two routes . No significant changes have taken place to this state route since 1955 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Paulding County .