

= Washington State Route 213 =

State Route 213 (SR 213) is the shortest state highway in the U.S. state of Washington . The 0 @. @ 35 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 56 km) long unsigned highway serves Malott , a community in Okanogan County . Extending from U.S. Route 97 (US 97) over the Okanogan River via a bridge to First Avenue in Malott , the roadway is semi @- @ complete , as state law designates that the road should extend to SR 20 southwest of Okanogan . First appearing in a map in 1954 , SR 213 originated as a branch of Primary State Highway 16 (PSH 16) in 1959 and later SR 20 Spur in 1964 . SR 20 Spur became SR 213 in 1973 because another SR 20 Spur was recently established in Anacortes .

= = Route description = =

SR 213 originates at an intersection with U.S. Route 97 (US 97) south of Malott . Traveling northwest and turning northeast , the unsigned roadway crosses the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad and the Okanogan River near the confluence of the Okanogan River and Loup Loup Creek . After crossing the Okanogan River , the highway enters Malott and terminates at First Avenue , although state law dictates that eventually the road will be extended to SR 20 southwest of Okanogan . An estimated daily average of 740 motorists utilized SR 213 in 2008 .

= = History = =

SR 213 originated as a minor road that connected U.S. Route 97 (US 97) to the area south of the Okanogan River and Malott ; the road first appeared on a map in 1954 . In 1959 , the Washington State Legislature passed a law that created a branch of Primary State Highway 16 (PSH 16) that extended from PSH 16 near Okanogan to US 97 in Malott to take effect on July 1 , 1961 . By 1963 , US 97 was realigned south of the Okanogan River and the PSH 16 branch was extended across the river . During a highway renumbering in 1964 , PSH 16 became SR 20 and the branch of PSH 16 became SR 20 Spur . In 1973 , SR 20 Spur became SR 213 , while another SR 20 Spur was established in Anacortes . Beginning in 2008 , the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has been maintaining a short , 0 @. @ 35 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 56 km) long segment of the proposed SR 213 as the a state route . The highway between Malott and SR 20 will be eventually built as state law dictates it .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Okanogan County .