

= Ohio State Route 11 =

State Route 11 (SR 11) is a north ? south freeway in the eastern portion of the U.S. state of Ohio . Its southern terminus is at U.S. Route 30 (US 30) in East Liverpool at the West Virginia state line on the Jennings Randolph Bridge over the Ohio River ; its northern terminus is at SR 531 in Ashtabula . The route is concurrent with US 30 through East Liverpool and with Interstate 80 (I @-@ 80) near Youngstown . The first section of the route to be completed , from Canfield to Austintown , opened in 1969 . The entire current route was complete in 1972 , and upgraded to a divided highway by 1980 .

= = Route description = =

All of SR 11 is included as a part of the National Highway System , a network of highways identified as being most important for the economy , mobility and defense of the nation . The highest traffic count is at I @-@ 80 near Austintown , where 38 @, @ 360 vehicles travel the highway on average each day . The lowest traffic count is near US 6 , where 5 @, @ 550 vehicles travel the highway on average each day .

SR 11 starts at Jennings Randolph Bridge , and becomes concurrent with US 30 and SR 39 as it turns southwest . The concurrency bends around East Liverpool , SR 39 leaves the concurrency , and SR 7 joins it . The route finally turns north and leaves East Liverpool . It turns northwest , near the southern terminus of SR 170 . It intersects the concurrency termini of SR 7 and US 30 in these three miles . SR 11 travels through forests , passes by Lisbon , only connecting with SR 154 at an interchange . The highway travels north to near Leetonia , where it meets SR 344 at a diamond interchange . The forests slowly change into farmland , as it passes under SR 14 and into Mahoning County .

In Mahoning County , the route becomes part of the eastern city limits of Canfield , meeting US 224 at a parclo interchange . The highway crosses over the Ohio Turnpike , and becomes concurrent with I @-@ 80 few miles later . Here , most of the route is surrounded by urban areas . The interchange with I @-@ 80 and I @-@ 680 is incomplete , with ramps from I @-@ 680 west to I @-@ 80 east and I @-@ 80 west to I @-@ 680 east missing . I @-@ 80 and SR 11 travel northeast , leaves Mahoning County , and enters Trumbull County . SR 11 and I @-@ 80 split at the interchange at SR 711 , east of Girard . This interchange is also incomplete , with ramps from I @-@ 80 east to SR 711 south and SR 711 to I @-@ 80 west missing .

SR 11 continues north toward Ashtabula , meeting interchanges for SR 82 and an access road to the Youngstown @-@ Warren Regional Airport . Urban areas transition back into rural areas here . It later intersects SR 305 and SR 5 at diamond interchanges near Cortland . The route then enters Ashtabula County , and travels in a straight line , passing through US 322 , a rest area , US 6 , and SR 307 . Mostly forests and fields are between the highway . The route slowly bends northwest , and meets I @-@ 90 at a cloverleaf interchange . The route crosses over Ashtabula River , and bypasses Ashtabula . It ends at SR 531 , part of the Lake Erie Circle Tour , at a stop sign .

= = History = =

SR 11 was designated between 1967 ? 1969 as a connector between Canfield and Austintown . Two years later , it was extended north to I @-@ 80 , and south to SR 7 , five miles (8 @. @ 0 km) north of East Liverpool . A section from SR 531 to SR 307 was also completed . Those two sections were later connected . By 1972 , all parts of the route were complete . SR 11 was upgraded to a limited access highway , from SR 82 to SR 307 , between 1972 and 1981 . In 2000 , construction began for the King Graves Road interchange , which opened a year later . On October 24 , 2005 , the interchange at SR 711 and I @-@ 80 / SR 11 opened , after it was modified to connect SR 711 . The only rest area on SR 11 received turn lanes in 2011 .

SR 11 was designated as the " Lake to River highway " on September 28 , 1973 . The section in Ashtabula County was also designated as the " Marine Private Henry Kalinowski Memorial Highway

" on April 7 , 2009 . Around 2002 , the section in East Liverpool , starting from Newell Street , and ending at the state line , was designated as the " Lou Holtz Highway " .

= = = Chemical spills = = =

There have been three chemical spills on SR 11 . The first one happened on November 30 , 1984 . A tanker truck leaked Titanium tetrachloride at the I @-@ 80 / SR 11 interchange at Girard . About 200 residents who lived near the highway were evacuated . No injuries were reported , and the chemicals were soon contained . A spill was reported on July 7 , 1996 . A tanker truck spilled methyl alcohol onto SR 11 northbound , in Fairfield Township . The spill was contained , and charges were filed against the driver . The third and most recent one , happened on September 9 , 2003 . A tanker spilled one US gallon (3 @.@ 8 L) of a flammable solvent between SR 344 and SR 154 . There were no evacuations .

= = Exit list = =