

= Oklahoma State Highway 30 =

State Highway 30 (abbreviated SH @-@ 30) is a state highway in Oklahoma . It runs 84 @.@ 4 miles (135 @.@ 8 km) south @-@ to @-@ north along the western edge of the state , from U.S. Highway 62 (US @-@ 62) in Hollis to the town of Durham , two miles (3 km) north of SH @-@ 33 . It passes through Harmon , Beckham and Roger Mills counties . SH @-@ 30 does not have any letter @-@ suffixed spur routes branching from it .

The SH @-@ 30 designation dates back to March 31 , 1936 , when it spanned from Erick to Sweetwater . The highway gradually evolved over the years , reaching its current form in 1970 .

= = Route description = =

SH @-@ 30 begins at US @-@ 62 in Hollis , the seat of Harmon County . It travels north through very sparsely populated terrain to the unincorporated settlement of McKnight , about six miles (9 @.@ 7 km) north of Hollis . North of McKnight , the highway crosses the Salt Fork of the Red River . SH @-@ 30 has a junction with SH @-@ 9 , nine miles (14 km) north of McKnight . For the next 22 miles (35 km) through rural Western Oklahoma , SH @-@ 30 roughly parallels the Texas state line , lying generally about five miles (8 @.@ 0 km) west of it . The highway bridges over the Elm Fork of the Red River about two miles (3 @.@ 2 km) before crossing into Beckham County .

Two miles (3 @.@ 2 km) west of Erick , SH @-@ 30 intersects Interstate 40 Business . SH @-@ 30 begins a concurrency with the business loop , traveling east into the town . In Erick , SH @-@ 30 turns back to the north , interchanging with Interstate 40 , then crossing the North Fork of the Red River and running through the unincorporated settlement of Mayfield . About fifteen miles (24 km) north of Erick , it comes to an intersection with SH @-@ 152 in Sweetwater . At this point , it crosses into Roger Mills County .

From Sweetwater , SH @-@ 30 travels north for fourteen miles (23 km) to SH @-@ 47 , which it joins for three miles (4 @.@ 8 km) , to the town of Reydon . Leaving Reydon , SH @-@ 30 continues alone across the Black Kettle National Grassland , continuing north for twelve miles (19 km) to its junction with SH @-@ 33 . After crossing SH @-@ 33 , SH @-@ 30 continues on for two miles (3 @.@ 2 km) to its terminus at a local road at Durham .

= = History = =

State Highway 30 was added to the highway system on March 31 , 1936 . At this time , SH @-@ 30 began at US @-@ 66 in Erick and ended at what was then numbered SH @-@ 41 (present @-@ day SH @-@ 152) in Sweetwater . On November 18 , the highway was extended west along US @-@ 66 , then south , setting its southern terminus at its present location at US @-@ 62 in Hollis . The 1937 state highway map was the first to show SH @-@ 30 .

The following year , a large portion of the highway was removed from the state highway system . On October 19 , 1937 , between the SH @-@ 9 junction and US @-@ 66 , the route ceased to be maintained by the Department of Highways . SH @-@ 30 still appeared as such on the 1938 state highway map , but with dashed lines , indicating the route was not maintained . By the 1940 edition , SH @-@ 30 was not marked at all on the map between just north of SH @-@ 9 to US @-@ 66 west of Erick . As a result , SH @-@ 30 was effectively in two sections , one running from Hollis to SH @-@ 9 , and another between Erick and Sweetwater .

On April 14 , 1941 , the southern SH @-@ 30 was extended further to the south . The highway proceeded east from Hollis along US @-@ 62 , then , at Gould , turned south along what was previously an unnumbered farm @-@ to @-@ market road . The route turned back east to end at SH @-@ 34 and SH @-@ 44 in Eldorado . This extension encompassed all of the present @-@ day western SH @-@ 5 . By January 1942 , however , this extension of SH @-@ 30 would be split off to form the new SH @-@ 90 .

The two sections of SH @-@ 30 were reunited on August 13 , 1945 , with the reincorporation of the SH @-@ 9 to Erick stretch into the route . The newly @-@ continuous highway was extended north

three months later on November 21 , when it was extended north of Sweetwater for the first time , ending in Reydon (concurrent with SH @-@ 47) . On February 7 , 1955 , SH @-@ 30 was extended north to Durham .

From the late 1950s through the 1960s , SH @-@ 30 extended south to the Texas state line . On February 18 , 1958 , the highway was extended to run west along US @-@ 62 , then split off to the south two miles (3 @.@ 2 km) east of the north ? south Texas state line . The highway then ended at a bridge over the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River , the southern Oklahoma ? Texas boundary . The route was truncated back to Hollis on March 2 , 1970 .

= = Junction list = =