

= Utah State Route 68 =

State Route 68 (SR @-@ 68) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Utah . It is a major thoroughfare throughout the Wasatch Front as it runs north ? south for 70 @.@ 832 miles (113 @.@ 993 km) , linking US @-@ 6 near Elberta to US @-@ 89 in Woods Cross . The route intersects several major freeways and highways in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area including I @-@ 215 , I @-@ 80 , and I @-@ 15 . The route is more commonly referred to as Redwood Road , after the street it is routed along throughout Salt Lake County . The highway is also routed for a short distance along 500 South and 200 West in Bountiful and Camp Williams Road in Utah County . The route is a surface street for its entire length .

SR @-@ 68 became a state highway in 1931 , at which time the route ran from then ? US @-@ 40 (North Temple Street) in Salt Lake City to present @-@ day US @-@ 89 in Lehi . In 1933 , the route was extended north to US @-@ 89 at Beck 's Hot Springs . SR @-@ 68 was routed onto Redwood Road in 1943 , taking over what had been designated SR @-@ 153 . In 1960 , SR @-@ 68 switched alignments with SR @-@ 249 to follow Redwood Road and 2300 North to Bountiful ; the route was extended south to Elberta at this time also . SR @-@ 249 was extended west along a proposed roadway to 2200 West and 2200 North in 1961 before being removed in 1969 . In 2001 , SR @-@ 68 was extended south on a former piece of SR @-@ 106 in Bountiful .

= = Route description = =

On average , the most driven @-@ on portion of SR @-@ 68 is between I @-@ 215 and 5400 South , with 66 @.@ 635 cars @-@ per @-@ day traveling between these two points in 2007 . The lowest traffic is recorded at the beginning point of the route through Elberta , with an average of 1 @.@ 120 cars per day . Traffic along SR @-@ 68 in Elberta has increased 135 percent , and the segment between I @-@ 215 and 5400 West has increased 13 percent since 1998 .

= = = Utah County = = =

A four @-@ way intersection in Elberta with US @-@ 6 marks the southern terminus of the route as it starts north on a two @-@ lane undivided highway . The highway exits Elberta and continues north along the sparsely @-@ populated portion of western Utah County . The southwestern shore of Utah Lake appears as the road briefly turns northeast . The route passes the failed planned community of Mosida before turning north again . Once more turning northeast , the highway approaches the western shore of the lake and runs parallel to it before once more turning north . After turning northwest , the highway enters Saratoga Springs . The route turns north near Utah Lake 's northern shore , widening to two lanes each direction at the intersection with 400 South . The route then intersects Pony Express Parkway , which connects to Eagle Mountain , then the route continues north to intersections with Pioneer Crossing and SR @-@ 73 . Past the SR @-@ 73 intersection , the route turns northwest and intersects the east spur of the Mountain View Corridor (SR @-@ 85) , then passes slightly east of Camp Williams .

= = = Salt Lake County = = =

The highway then enters Salt Lake County and the Salt Lake City metropolitan area . SR @-@ 68 is one of two roads that connect Utah and Salt Lake Counties through a bottleneck in the Wasatch Front called Point of the Mountain , referring to the Traverse Mountains . The low @-@ lying area through this neck is occupied by the former Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad . SR @-@ 68 is routed on the western slope of the canyon , The other highway , I @-@ 15 / US @-@ 89 , is routed higher up Point of the Mountain . As the route enters Bluffdale on Redwood Road , it turns northeast and intersects with Mountain View Corridor again , then with SR @-@ 140 ; the Utah State Prison is located on this road east of the junction . SR @-@ 68 then turns north before crossing SR @-@ 154 , commonly known as the Bangerter Highway . Soon reverting to two lanes ,

the route exits Bluffdale and enters Riverton , gaining two lanes in each direction as it passes SR @-@ 71 . Continuing north , it enters South Jordan . It intersects with SR @-@ 175 , SR @-@ 151 , and SR @-@ 209 , gaining one more lane in each direction beyond the latter intersection , and enters West Jordan and central Salt Lake County .

Soon reaching Taylorsville , the highway intersects I @-@ 215 . Shortly thereafter , the road passes Salt Lake Community College and enters West Valley City . It soon reaches a single @-@ point urban interchange at SR @-@ 201 that lies on the border of West Valley City and Salt Lake City . The highway loses one lane in each direction past the frontage road of SR @-@ 201 . West of Salt Lake City , the highway passes over the surplus canal of the Jordan River as it goes through the neighborhoods of Glendale and Poplar Grove . It arrives at an interchange with I @-@ 80 east of Salt Lake City International Airport . The road loses one lane northbound beyond 1000 North as it proceeds through the neighborhood of Rose Park in the northwestern portion of the city ; the second southbound lane is lost north of 1300 North . The highway crosses the Jordan River before exiting the county .

= = = Davis County = = =

Entering Davis County and North Salt Lake , SR @-@ 68 reaches a second interchange with I @-@ 215 at its Exit 28 . The road briefly turns northeast before drifting north again and gaining one lane in each direction . Before passing Skypark Airport , the highway loses one lane in each direction . Redwood Road turns east onto 500 South and enters Bountiful . Past an interchange at I @-@ 15 , the route gains one passing lane and turns south onto 200 West , a two @-@ lane undivided road . The highway turns southwest and defaults onto southbound US @-@ 89 within the city of Woods Cross .

= = History = =

In 1931 , the state legislature added State Route 68 to the state highway system . It followed Redwood Road from US @-@ 40 (North Temple Street) south to the present SR @-@ 73 and then used SR @-@ 73 east to US @-@ 50 / US @-@ 89 / US @-@ 91 (now solely US @-@ 89) in Lehi . The state added 900 West and Warm Springs Road from US @-@ 40 north to US @-@ 89 / US @-@ 91 at Becks as SR @-@ 153 in 1933 . Becks is the name of a rail siding , 4 miles (6 km) north of downtown Salt Lake , that briefly served as the terminus of a commuter rail line to Beck 's Hot Springs . In 1943 SR @-@ 153 was moved west to Redwood Road , returning to Becks via 2300 North . This brought the north end of SR @-@ 68 and the south end of SR @-@ 153 together , and two years later SR @-@ 68 was extended north to absorb SR @-@ 153 . In 1953 , Redwood Road north of 2300 North became SR @-@ 249 , which turned east at 500 South in Davis County to end at US @-@ 89 / US @-@ 91 (500 West) in Bountiful .

To provide for route continuity on a truck bypass route of Salt Lake City , SR @-@ 68 and SR @-@ 249 were swapped in 1960 , bringing the north end of SR @-@ 68 to Bountiful and making SR @-@ 249 a short connection on 2300 North . At the same time , SR @-@ 68 was extended south from the intersection with SR @-@ 73 around the west side of Utah Lake to US @-@ 6 at Elberta , with the portion east to Lehi becoming an extension of SR @-@ 73 . SR @-@ 249 was extended west along a proposed roadway to 2200 West and 2200 North in 1961 , " in order to provide an adequate road from the north to the Salt Lake City municipal airport " , but in 1969 the entire route was removed from the state highway system . SR @-@ 68 was extended slightly east at its north end , from 500 West (US @-@ 89) to 200 West (SR @-@ 106) , in 1975 , and , in 2001 , with the removal of SR @-@ 106 through downtown Bountiful from the state highway system , SR @-@ 68 was extended south along 200 West , formerly SR @-@ 106 , to Parkin Junction on US @-@ 89 .

When the highway was established in 1931 , it ran from Lehi to Salt Lake City . The state subsequently extended it south into Elberta and north into Bountiful . The road was routed along its current alignment of Redwood Road in 1943 . The road has been moved and extended multiple times , with the most recent change being in 2001 when SR @-@ 106 was deleted from the state

highway system .

= = Major intersections = =