

= Washington State Route 506 =

State Route 506 (SR 506) is an 11 @. @ 53 @- @ mile (18 @. @ 56 km) long state highway in Cowlitz and Lewis counties , part of the U.S. state of Washington , serving the communities of Ryderwood and Vader . SR 506 begins at the intersection of 2nd and Morse Street in Ryderwood , a community in Cowlitz County , traveling north into Lewis County and turning east past Vader to parallel the Cowlitz River and interchange Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) twice west of Toledo . Originating as Secondary State Highway 1P (SSH 1P) in 1937 , the highway was designated in its current form in 1964 and it shared its eastern terminus with SR 505 . SR 411 terminated at Vader and both SR 411 and SR 505 were moved away from SR 506 in 1991 .

= = Route description = =

SR 506 begins as the continuation of Morse Street at the Second Street intersection in Ryderwood , a community located in the Campbell Creek valley in northern Cowlitz County . Traveling north to exit Ryderwood , the highway crosses Campbell Creek and enters Lewis County . The roadway parallels Stillwater Creek in its valley northeast and turns east to cross the creek into Vader . The street is named 7th Street after crossing Olequa Creek ; SR 506 crosses a railroad track owned by BNSF Railway and used by two Amtrak services , the Cascades and Coast Starlight , between the Kelso and Centralia stations . Traveling east through Vader , 7th Street intersects the West Side Highway , formerly SR 411 until 1991 , and leaves the city heading northeast , paralleling the Cowlitz River , to cross Lacamas Creek , the busiest segment of the highway at a daily average of 1 @, @ 800 vehicles in 2008 . The roadway crosses Bear Creek near its confluence with the Cowlitz River and interchanges Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) southbound exit 59 ; the route turns north to interchange I @- @ 5 again at exit 60 in a full diamond interchange . Exit 60 is also the western terminus of the Toledo @- @ Vader Road , formerly SR 505 until 1991 .

= = History = =

SR 506 was established in 1964 , but was preceded by Secondary State Highway 1P (SSH 1P) , established in 1937 . Originally , SSH 1P traveled from Ryderwood , paralleling the Longview , Portland and Northern Railway line to Vader and paralleling the Cowlitz River to U.S. Route 99 (US 99) in Toledo . The rail line , established in 1922 by Longview 's founder , Robert A. Long , was completed in 1929 . In 1953 , the rail line was removed , and in 1963 , SSH 1P was shortened and moved west to the newer US 99 freeway , later Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) . During the 1964 highway renumbering , SR 506 was created , SR 411 ended in Vader and SR 505 ended at the I @- @ 5 / SR 506 interchange . In 1991 , SR 411 was moved south to end in Castle Rock and SR 505 was moved onto former SR 603 to Winlock .

= = Major intersections = =