

## = Utah State Route 161 =

State Route 161 ( SR @-@ 161 ) is a 3 @.@ 084 @-@ mile ( 4 @.@ 963 km ) long state highway , designated as a rural major connector , completely within Millard County in central Utah . The highway connects Interstate 70 ( I @-@ 70 ) to I @-@ 15 while providing service to historic Cove Fort . The route was once part of U.S. Route 91 ( US @-@ 91 ) , but was renumbered to SR @-@ 161 in the 1970s , in parallel with the construction of I @-@ 70 .

## = = Route description = =

Located entirely in southeastern Millard County , SR @-@ 161 starts at a diamond interchange with the westernmost exit on I @-@ 70 before it terminates at I @-@ 15 . The road continues northward until it reaches the historic Cove Fort and the associated visitors center . On the eastern side of the highway is a Utah Department of Transportation ( UDOT ) maintenance center . SR @-@ 161 starts to make a gentle turn to the northeast , passing a filling station , which also serves as a rest area as part of a public ? private partnership between UDOT and the owners of the station . The highway intersects I @-@ 15 and comes to an end at a cattle guard on Black Rock Road northwest of the interchange with I @-@ 15 .

In 2007 , a daily average of 455 cars traveled along SR @-@ 161 , representing only a slight growth from previous years ; in 2006 , the average was 450 and in 2005 , 415 ) . Thirty five percent of this traffic was composed of trucks . The average traffic measurement is collected at a point on SR @-@ 161 between Cove Fort and the interchange with I @-@ 15 .

## = = History = =

The SR @-@ 161 designation has been used two other times for other state routes . The first route , which was formed in 1933 , connected US @-@ 50 / US @-@ 89 / US @-@ 91 ( now US @-@ 89 ) to SR @-@ 68 in Bluffdale until the route was decommissioned in 1953 . From May 8 , 1961 to February 14 , 1964 , the route number was used for a road from US @-@ 91 to I @-@ 15 in the city of Beaver .

The parallel T @-@ beam bridges that carry I @-@ 15 over SR @-@ 161 at its northern terminus were constructed in 1966 along with the construction of I @-@ 15 though the area . The bridges carrying I @-@ 70 over SR @-@ 161 were constructed in 1973 .

The current route , codified into Utah law in 1965 and designated on signage following the decommissioning of US @-@ 91 in the 1970s , was partially a former alignment of US @-@ 91 . Once I @-@ 70 was completed the 1 @.@ 07 mi ( 1 @.@ 72 km ) long segment of US @-@ 91 as well as the roadway to the north was designated SR @-@ 161 by the Utah State Department of Highways . No significant changes have been made to the roadway except for its legal definition . SR @-@ 161 serves the important function of providing access to the contracted rest area as well as the historic Cove Fort . As of 2009 no new projects are scheduled for SR @-@ 161 , either through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or the UDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program .

## = = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Millard County .