

= Washington State Route 9 =

State Route 9 (SR 9) is a 98 @.@ 17 @-@ mile (157 @.@ 99 km) long state highway traversing three counties , Snohomish , Skagit and Whatcom , in the U.S. state of Washington . The highway extends north from an interchange with SR 522 in the vicinity of Woodinville north through Snohomish , Lake Stevens , Arlington , Sedro @-@ Woolley and Nooksack to become British Columbia Highway 11 (BC 11) at the Canada ? US border in Sumas . Three other roadways are briefly concurrent with the route : SR 530 in Arlington , SR 20 in Sedro @-@ Woolley and SR 542 near Deming . A spur route in Sumas serves trucks traveling into British Columbia .

Before SR 9 was created , several other roads used the route of the current highway . The first was a roadway extending from the current southern terminus to Snohomish established by 1895 and another road between Arlington and Sedro @-@ Woolley by 1911 . The current SR 542 concurrency was first established in 1925 , when a branch of State Road 1 from Bellingham to Mount Baker was added to the state highway system . These roads were combined and several other roads were added to create Secondary State Highway 1A (SSH 1A) , which originally ran from Woodinville to Blaine in 1937 . A branch of SSH 1A connected the mainline to the Canada ? US border in Sumas , but was later included into SSH 1A when the Blaine to Sumas segment was deleted in 1953 . A highway renumbering in 1964 introduced the sign routes that would be co @-@ signed with the existing system until 1970 , one of which would replace SSH 1A , SR 9 . SSH 1A / SR 9 extended south to Woodinville until 1965 , when it was shortened to SR 202 , later SR 522 , which wasn 't complete yet . SR 9 was not complete between Lake Stevens and Arlington until after 1966 .

Between 2004 and 2009 , nine complete construction projects , arranged by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) , have improved the roadway . The projects ranged from expanding the current weigh station at the Sopher Hill Road intersection in 2005 to realigning the highway between Nooksack and Sumas in 2006 to eliminate 90 @-@ degree turns . WSDOT is also widening SR 9 in Snohomish County from 2 lanes to a four @-@ lane divided highway . Between 2009 and 2013 , WSDOT plans to complete six other projects in Snohomish County to improve the corridor from SR 522 to Bryant . Some projects include widenings , adding a roundabout at SR 531 , realignments south of Snohomish and the addition of web cameras .

= = Route description = =

State Route 9 (SR 9) originates as the Snohomish ? Woodinville Road at a partial cloverleaf interchange with SR 522 north of Woodinville . Temporarily paralleling a BNSF rail line , the highway intersects SR 524 in Maltby . After SR 524 , the roadway passes several residential communities in Clearview and Cathcart . Shortly after leaving Cathcart , SR 96 terminates at the road . SR 9 passes Harvey Airfield and crosses another BNSF rail line and the Snohomish River to enter Snohomish . North of the Snohomish River Bridge , the highway encounters a diamond interchange with 2nd Street and Riverview Road and turns northeast to intersect Bickford Avenue , which once was U.S. Route 2 (US 2) . Curving north out of Snohomish , the route interchanges with US 2 in a modified diamond interchange , with a westbound US 2 offramp routed onto New Bunk Foss Road .

In suburban West Lake Stevens near the Lake Stevens shoreline , SR 204 ends at the highway . After the intersection , the roadway had an estimated daily average of 25 @,@ 000 motorists in 2007 , making this stretch of road the busiest on the whole highway . SR 9 also forms the western boundary of Lake Stevens and the eastern boundary of Marysville while passing a weigh station and the SR 92 junction . After Lake Cassidy , the road intersects SR 528 and continues into North Marysville , where the roadway passes over the Snohomish County Centennial Trail . After passing SR 531 , several residential subdivisions , Pioneer Elementary and Arlington High School , the highway enters downtown Arlington as Hazel Street . After a brief concurrency with SR 530 , SR 9 crosses the Stillaguamish River and passes Bryant to enter a heavily forested area and leave Snohomish County .

Entering Skagit County , the highway continues northwest through a large forest to Lake McMurray

, where it intersects SR 534 and encounters the Lake McMurray Store , established in 1889 . Passing Big Lake and its community of the same name , the roadway serves Big Lake Elementary before intersecting SR 538 at a roundabout . Turning northeast to Clear Lake and Clear Lake Elementary , the route crosses the Skagit River into Sedro @-@ Woolley . In Sedro @-@ Woolley , the street becomes concurrent with SR 20 and is named Moore Street . At the end of the concurrency , the road turns north as Township Street , paralleling another BNSF rail line , at Cascade Middle School . Continuing north out of the city and into rural areas , SR 9 passes Samish Elementary , crosses the Samish River and exits rural Skagit County .

The highway enters Whatcom County in a valley located east of Lake Whatcom . Passing Acme and crossing the Nooksack River , the roadway becomes concurrent with SR 542 in Deming . Traveling west with SR 542 along the Nooksack River , the road splits in Cedarville and continues north through a series of 90 @-@ degree turns in a plain located near the Sumas River . In Nooksack , the route becomes Nooksack Avenue and encounters SR 544 , named Main Street , which travels west to Everson . North of Nooksack , SR 9 intersects SR 546 in a rural area and travels northeast along the Sumas River to Sumas . In Sumas , SR 547 ends at SR 9 and a spur route that serves trucks branches off and SR 9 terminates at the Canada ? US border . The road continues north from the Canada ? US border , through Abbotsford , BC to Highway 1 (BC 1) , as BC 11 .

= = = Spur route = = =

Within Sumas , SR 9 has a short 0 @. @ 24 mi (0 @. @ 39 km) spur route that is used by trucks travelling into Canada . SR 9 Spur starts at SR 9 (Cherry Street) and travels east as Garfield Street and north as Sumas Avenue to the Canada ? US border , where it becomes Boundary Avenue and reconnects back to SR 9 's continuation in Canada , Highway 11 (BC 11) in Abbotsford , BC . After the Cherry Street intersection , an estimated daily average of 1 @, @ 800 motorists used the roadway in 2007 .

= = History = =

The current route of SR 9 began as a road extending from Grace (today Woodinville) north to Snohomish , first appearing in an 1895 map . The Snohomish to Arlington segment was not built until after SR 9 , but between Arlington and Sedro @-@ Woolley , there was a highway by 1911 . The first section of the roadway to be included in the state highway system was the current SR 542 concurrency , which became a branch of State Road 1 extending from Bellingham to Mount Baker in 1925 . Secondary State Highway 1A (SSH 1A) was established in 1937 and ran from Primary State Highway 2 (PSH 2) in Woodinville north to Sumas and west to PSH 1 in Blaine . A branch of SSH 1A connected the main highway to the Canada ? US border . Between Lynden and Nooksack , SSH 1A was realigned in 1951 and in 1953 , SSH 1A between Blaine and Sumas was deleted . SSH 1E became concurrent with SSH 1A in 1957 when it was extended east through Arlington to Darrington . A third concurrency was added in 1961 when PSH 16 was extended west , concurrent in Sedro @-@ Woolley , to Fredonia . During the 1964 highway renumbering , a new system of highways , sign routes , was introduced and was co @-@ signed with the existing primary and secondary state highways . SSH 1A became SR 9 , but SSH 1A was still signed until 1970 . In 1965 , SSH 1A / SR 9 was shortened from Woodinville to SR 202 in Grace , which was not complete yet . By 1966 , the highway was not complete between Lake Stevens and Arlington and in 1970 , SR 202 became SR 522 .

Since 2004 , the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has completed nine construction projects on SR 9 . The Lake Stevens weigh station , located on the west side of the highway at the Sopher Hill Road intesersection was expanded to serve two trucks at once in late 2005 . The U.S. Route 2 (US 2) interchange was modified to use New Bunk Foss Road as an onramp and traffic signals were added in January 2006 . The roadway was repaved between Snohomish and Lake Stevens and also guardrails and turn lanes were added in 2006 . < On

November 22 , 2006 , WSDOT opened a new alignment of SR 9 between Nooksack to Sumas that bypassed three 90 @-@ degree turns . A roundabout was added to the SR 538 intersection east of Mount Vernon in summer 2007 . Between SR 522 and SR 524 , the highway was widened from a 2 @-@ lane road to a four @-@ lane divided highway in 2008 . A curve on the roadway north of Arlington was straightend in late 2008 and turn lanes were added to two intersections near Bryant .

= = Future developments = =

Between 1980 and 2000 , the population of Snohomish County grew by 80 % ; most new residents now use the 2 @-@ lane SR 9 to commute . Accidents have increased from an average of 325 collisions per year in the 1990s to 450 collisions per year between 2000 and 2007 . Since late 2005 , WSDOT has been improving the corridor with six projects located between SR 522 and the Skagit County line that are scheduled to be completed by 2013 . South of Snohomish , WSDOT is improving the highway in multiple ways including new intersections and alignments , new web cameras and new turn lanes . Between SR 524 and Clearview , the 2 @-@ lane road is being widened to a four @-@ lane divided highway starting in 2011 . The SR 531 intersection south of Arlington is scheduled to be rebuilt as a roundabout in 2011 . The roundabout option was chosen over a traffic signal in early October 2009 . A route development plan is currently being designed for the highway between SR 522 and Schloman Road north of Arlington . During a project to widen SR 9 in Lake Stevens , a left @-@ turn lane to Lake Stevens Road was removed and residents located on the road have protested .

= = Major intersections = =

= = = Spur intersections = = =

The entire spur is in Sumas , Whatcom County .