

= California State Route 98 =

State Route 98 (SR 98) is a state highway in the U.S. state of California . It is a loop of Interstate 8 (I @-@ 8) running west to east south of the Interstate through the border city of Calexico . It passes through the city of Calexico and ends east of Holtville . The highway was added to the state highway system in 1933 , and signed as Route 98 by 1938 . The highway was paved and rerouted to its current path during the 1950s .

= = Route description = =

SR 98 begins at an interchange with I @-@ 8 southwest of the community of Ocotillo . The highway intersects CR S2 and passes south of Coyote Wells before turning due east through the Colorado Desert . After over forty miles of desert , SR 98 intersects with CR S29 and then CR S30 , the latter in the community of Mount Signal . The road passes over the New River and intersects CR S31 before entering the border city of Calexico , just opposite from Mexicali , the capital of the Mexican state of Baja California . SR 98 intersects SR 111 , the north @-@ south highway connecting Mexicali and El Centro , before leaving the city and continuing east through rural Imperial County . After meeting SR 7 , SR 98 goes through the community of Bonds Corner before intersecting CR S33 . SR 98 then parallels the All American Canal before terminating at I @-@ 8 at Midway Well .

The portion of SR 98 from SR 111 east to I @-@ 8 is designated as part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail auto tour route , promoted by the National Park Service . SR 98 is not part of the National Highway System , a network of highways that are essential to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility . In 2013 , SR 98 had an annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 1 @,@ 400 at the western terminus with I @-@ 8 , and 26 @,@ 500 between Rockwood Avenue and Heber Avenue in Calexico , the latter of which was the highest AADT for the highway .

= = History = =

The highway was originally designated as Route 202 in 1933 . By 1934 , a road headed due south from Seeley , before turning east through Calexico and curving slightly to the north and then east again through Bonds Corners . The easternmost portion of the highway was unpaved . By 1938 , the road from Coyote Wells east to the then @-@ current routing had been constructed , but was a county road ; the entirety of Route 98 , which was signed , was either gravel or asphalt . Between 1952 and 1954 , the western portion of SR 98 was rerouted onto the county road , moving the western terminus to southwest of Coyote Wells ; however , the new portion was not paved . By 1956 , the entire highway was paved . In the 1964 state highway renumbering , the highway was officially renumbered as Route 98 . I @-@ 8 was extended to the western terminus of SR 98 by 1965 , and to the eastern terminus of SR 98 by 1970 .

= = Major intersections = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was in 1964 , based on the alignment that existed at the time , and do not necessarily reflect current mileage . R reflects a realignment in the route since then , M indicates a second realignment , L refers an overlap due to a correction or change , and T indicates postmiles classified as temporary (for a full list of prefixes , see the list of postmile definitions) . Segments that remain unconstructed or have been relinquished to local control may be omitted . The entire route is in Imperial County .