

= California State Route 186 =

State Route 186 (SR 186) is a route that connects Interstate 8 (I @-@ 8) with the U.S. ? Mexico border near the Colorado River . Its southern terminus is near Los Algodones , Baja California , and its northern terminus is near Winterhaven , California in the location of Araz Junction . The route is only 2 @.@ 070 miles (3 @.@ 331 km) long , heading along the length of the Alamo Canal and the All @-@ American Canal within the boundaries of the Fort Yuma @-@ Quechan Reservation . The route was assigned in 1972 in Imperial County , and the interchange with I @-@ 8 was constructed a year later .

= = Route description = =

SR 186 begins at the United States ? Mexico border (near Avenue International) in the community of Los Algodones . The route heads to the northeast along the Alamo Canal and crosses the center of the Fort Yuma @-@ Quechan Reservation . Most of the surroundings of SR 186 are desolate , compared to the developed region across the border in Mexico . The highway continues northward , crossing the All @-@ American Canal , where it turns to the north . SR 186 continues northward to an interchange with I @-@ 8 in Araz Junction , where the route terminates at the northbound ramps . The route continues northward as locally maintained Araz Road . Near the interchange is a casino operated by the Quechan Native American tribe that opened in 2009 .

SR 186 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 186 had an annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 3 @,@ 700 at the southern end , and 8 @,@ 100 at the junction with I @-@ 8 , the latter of which was the highest AADT for the highway .

= = History = =

A road south from the Ocean @-@ to @-@ Ocean Highway to the Mexican border just west of the Colorado River existed by 1917 , and was paved between 1956 and 1965 . The Andrade Port of Entry at the southern end of the highway was built in 1970 . The current alignment of SR 186 was assigned in 1972 by the California State Legislature .

There are two bridges along the alignment of SR 186 . The first one to be constructed was a concrete slab bridge over the All @-@ American Canal , with the structure opening in 1938 . The bridge is 140 @.@ 09 feet (42 @.@ 70 m) long , and is considered unable to sustain the traffic it was designed to handle . The second bridge is located at the interchange with I @-@ 8 in Araz Junction . This bridge , constructed in 1973 (a year after the route was assigned) , is a 227 @.@ 03 @-@ foot @-@ long (69 @.@ 20 m) concrete box beam structure . This structure , unlike the other , is recorded to be in usable shape .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Imperial County .