

= Washington State Route 502 =

State Route 502 ( SR 502 , officially known as the Battle Ground Highway ) is a 6 @. @ 12 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 9 @. @ 85 km ) state highway in the U.S. state of Washington , serving the city of Battle Ground in Clark County . The highway travels due east from an interchange with Interstate 5 ( I @- @ 5 ) north of Mount Vista through Dollars Corner and Battle Ground to an intersection with SR 503 , serving as connector between Battle Ground and I @- @ 5 . Prior to the 1964 highway renumbering , SR 502 was part of Secondary State Highway 1S ( SSH 1S ) , which was established in 1937 . The highway traveled south from its current western terminus until the construction of a new interchange with I @- @ 5 in 2008 , part of a project to widen SR 502 and install a median barrier on the roadway .

= = Route description = =

SR 502 begins as the four @- @ lane Battle Ground Highway at exit 11 on I @- @ 5 , a partial cloverleaf interchange located north of Mount Vista , and travels due east as 219th Street , crossing Gee Creek and passing the northbound Gee Creek rest area . The narrowed two @- @ lane highway travels east through rural Clark County and the community of Dollars Corner before it enters the city of Battle Ground , where it becomes four @- @ lane Main Street . SR 502 crosses over Mill Creek and travels through the city , ending at an intersection with SR 503 and Main Street .

Every year , the Washington State Department of Transportation ( WSDOT ) conducts a series of surveys on its highways in the state to measure traffic volume . This is expressed in terms of average annual daily traffic ( AADT ) , which is a measure of traffic volume for any average day of the year . In 2011 , WSDOT calculated that between 8 @, @ 200 and 26 @, @ 000 vehicles per day used the highway , mostly within Battle Ground . The entire route is designated as part of the National Highway System , which includes roadways important to the national economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

SSH 1S was created in 1937 during the formation of the primary and secondary state highways , traveling on a 57 @. @ 60 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 92 @. @ 70 km ) route east from Primary State Highway 1 ( PSH 1 ) and U.S. Route 99 ( US 99 ) north of Mount Vista to intersect SSH 1U in Battle Ground and turned north towards Amboy and west to end at PSH 1 and US 99 in Woodland . After PSH 1 and US 99 was realigned onto a four @- @ lane limited @- @ access highway in the late 1940s , SSH 1S was extended south over the old highway to intersect PSH 1 and US 99 .

SR 502 was established during the 1964 highway renumbering and codified in 1970 as the successor to the Mount Vista ? Battle Ground section of SSH 1S , while US 99 was replaced by I @- @ 5 . WSDOT constructed a new interchange between I @- @ 5 and 219th Street between April 2007 and October 2008 at a cost of \$ 52 million . The new interchange and subsequent realignment shortened the total length of SR 502 by 1 @. @ 46 miles ( 2 @. @ 35 km ) , however , the mileposts were not updated , as of 2011 . During construction of the interchange , WSDOT uncovered archaeological remains belonging to a Coast Salish settlement at Gee Creek that were at least 8 @, @ 000 years old . The entire highway was christened the " Battle Ground Highway " in May 2009 to signify the importance of SR 502 connecting the city of Battle Ground to I @- @ 5 .

WSDOT began preparing to install a median barrier and widen SR 502 to four lanes between the I @- @ 5 interchange and the western Battle Ground city limit in July 2012 to accommodate increasing traffic on the highway , which has a speed limit up to 50 miles per hour ( 80 km / h ) . Construction for the \$ 85 million project began in earnest in 2014 . New Mill Creek wetlands were created , to mitigate for wetlands buried by construction , which included the driving of 1 @, @ 200 concrete pilings . The new , four @- @ lane highway , which includes 10 @- @ foot ( 3 @. @ 0 m ) shoulders for bicycle and pedestrian travel and traffic signals at major intersections , opened on

June 27 , 2016 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Clark County .