

## = Arizona State Route 72 =

State Route 72 ( SR 72 ) is a 36 @. @ 74 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 59 @. @ 13 km ) state highway in the U.S. state of Arizona . It runs from SR 95 near Parker southeast to U.S. Route 60 ( US 60 ) in Hope . Along its route , the highway is mostly parallel to the Arizona and California Railroad and runs through the community of Bouse in desert terrain . The route was established in 1930 from its current eastern terminus all the way to the California state line , but was truncated in 1965 . The route was completely paved by 1940 .

## = = Route description = =

SR 72 begins at a T @- @ intersection at which SR 95 turns from north ? south to east ? west south of Parker . The highway heads eastward into desert terrain . Turning southeastward , the route enters the town of Bouse , running parallel to the Arizona and California Railroad . SR 72 enters Bouse as Broadway Avenue . As it runs through the community , the railroad to its northeast cuts most of the town in half , with a commercial areas both southwest and northeast of the roadway , but none along the railroad . Exiting Bouse , the highway enters an area dotted with farms spread among the desert , passing the communities of McVay and Utting . SR 72 crosses over the Central Arizona Project aqueduct southeast of McVay . Near a junction with Vicksburg Road in Vicksburg , the railroad turns away from SR 72 as the roadway heads southeast . The route ends at a junction with US 60 near Hope .

The highway is maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation ( ADOT ) , which is responsible for constructing and maintaining highways in the state . As part of this role , ADOT surveys volumes of traffic on their highways . These surveys are most often presented in the form of annual average daily traffic ( AADT ) , which is the number of vehicles that travel a road during an average day during the year . In 2009 , ADOT calculated that around 2 @, @ 600 vehicles used the road daily near Bouse , and around 2 @, @ 000 daily near Vicksburg . No part of the highway has been listed in the National Highway System , a system of roads in the United States important to the nation 's economy , defense , and mobility .

## = = History = =

SR 72 was first established in 1930 from US 60 through Bouse to the California state boundary along the Colorado River at Parker . At the time , it was a dirt road . Between 1935 and 1939 , the section of the route from Parker to Bouse had been paved , as was a section slightly north of Vicksburg . The rest of the highway had been graveled at the time , and was paved the next year . Between 1951 and 1958 , SR 72 was removed from the SR 95 junction near the southern city limit of Parker to the California state line . This section was added as part of a northern extension of SR 95 . A section of the highway just east of the western terminus was widened in 2008 . A new traffic signal was installed at the SR 95 junction in 2010 .

## = = Junction list = =

The entire route is in La Paz County .