

= Washington State Route 536 =

State Route 536 (SR 536) is a 5 @. @ 38 @- @ mile @- @ long (8 @. @ 66 km) state highway serving Skagit County in the U.S. state of Washington . The highway travels southeast from SR 20 near Fredonia through Mount Vernon to an interchange with Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) east of the city . SR 536 was created during the 1964 highway renumbering as a replacement for the Anacortes branch of Primary State Highway 1 (PSH 1) . SR 536 was shortened to its current route in 1973 after SR 20 was extended west and a spur route was established to serve Anacortes .

= = Route description = =

SR 536 begins as the Memorial Highway at an intersection with SR 20 located south of Skagit Regional Airport and east of Fredonia . The highway travels east through farmland before following the Skagit River southeast into Mount Vernon . SR 536 crosses the Skagit River on a swing bridge into Downtown Mount Vernon , turning east onto Division Street and south onto 3rd Street . The highway turns east at the Skagit Transportation Center onto Kincaid Street and crosses a BNSF rail line before ending at a diamond interchange with I @- @ 5 .

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 4 @, @ 600 and 23 @, @ 000 vehicles per day used the highway , mostly in Downtown Mount Vernon .

= = History = =

SR 536 was established during the 1964 highway renumbering as a 20 @. @ 63 @- @ mile @- @ long (33 @. @ 20 km) highway connecting Anacortes to Mount Vernon . The highway , first codified as the Anacortes branch of PSH 1 in 1937 , began at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal and traveled south to SR 525 , turning east and traveling over the Swinomish Channel , leaving Fidalgo Island . SR 536 continued east to Fredonia , intersecting the termini of SR 20 and SR 537 , before turning southeast over the Skagit River into Mount Vernon and ending at U.S. Route 99 (US 99) . US 99 and PSH 1 were replaced by I @- @ 5 in segments between 1966 and 1970 , as SR 536 was widened , paved , and extended east to a new interchange . SR 20 was extended west to Whidbey Island and the Olympic Peninsula over SR 536 and SR 525 in 1973 , shortening SR 536 to its current route and creating SR 20 Spur in Anacortes . No major revisions to the route of SR 536 have occurred since 1973 , however WSDOT repaved the entire roadway and added sidewalk ramps in 2009 at a cost of \$ 3 @. @ 2 million .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Skagit County .