

= Arizona State Route 347 =

State Route 347 (SR 347) , also known as John Wayne Parkway , is a 28 @. @ 69 miles (46 @. @ 17 km) long , north ? south state highway in central Arizona . The route begins at SR 84 and heads north . It passes through Maricopa , meeting SR 238 . The route ends at an interchange with Interstate 10 (I @- @ 10) south of Chandler . It primarily serves as the major road to Maricopa ; much of the road lies within the Gila River Indian Community , with another short stretch through the Ak @- @ Chin Indian Community . The road was built in the late 1930s and established as a state highway in the 1990s . On average , between 4 @, @ 000 and 35 @, @ 000 vehicles use the roadway daily .

= = Route description = =

The route begins at an intersection with SR 84 west of Stanfield . SR 347 then heads northward as John Wayne Parkway , a four @- @ lane expressway , which SR 347 is for its entirety , through a desert landscape . After intersecting Meadowview Road and crossing a canal , SR 347 meets Carefree Place , where a farm appears to the west part of the road . At Clayton Road , the east side of the road becomes farmland as well . John Wayne Parkway enters the Ak @- @ Chin Indian Community , passing the Harrah 's Ak @- @ Chin Casino , and intersects BIA Route 14 within this community . At Route 14 , the route becomes Maricopa Road , but retains its name as John Wayne Parkway , as it heads toward Maricopa . Continuing on its northerly path , the road exits the Indian community with a residential area to the west and desert to the east . Past Bowlin road , this orientation switches , as the residential area is located on the east side of Maricopa Road . The arrangement of the landscape switches again at Desert Cedars Road , where the road passes the Maricopa First Baptist Church . Before meeting the Maricopa @- @ Casa Grande Highway , the road passes Maricopa High School . It also meets an at @- @ grade intersection with a rail line , owned by Union Pacific .

North of this highway , SR 347 passes Honeycutt Road and passes by the Pinal County Justice Court . After an intersection with Edison Road , SR 347 passes several businesses before intersecting SR 238 , named Smith Enke Road . The route then enters another residential area before abruptly passing into the desert . The road turns more northeasterly , heading through the Gila River Indian Community . Turning back north and slightly northeast again , the road crosses from Pinal County into Maricopa County . After intersecting Riggs Road , Maricopa Road veers away from John Wayne Parkway , which SR 347 follows . Now as Queen Creek Road , which serves as another name , SR 347 heads east for a small distance , ending at a diamond interchange at I @- @ 10 's exit 164 . Queen Creek Road continues toward Chandler Municipal Airport .

The route is maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) , which is responsible for maintaining highways in the state . As part of this role , the department periodically conducts surveys to measure traffic on highways in Arizona . These surveys are most often presented in the form of average annual daily traffic (AADT) , which is the number of vehicles that use a highway on any average day during the year . In 2009 , ADOT calculated that around 4 @, @ 500 vehicles used the road daily near the SR 84 intersection and about 33 @, @ 000 vehicles used the route near the I @- @ 10 interchange on an average day . 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 = =

The section north of Maricopa , toward present day I @- @ 10 , was built by 1939 . The road headed north toward Tempe to U.S. Route 80 . Between 1951 and 1958 , the road was extended south to its current terminus at SR 84 ; at this time , I @- @ 10 had still not been built , nor had the route become a numbered route . By 1971 , I @- @ 10 was finished through the south and east edges of the Phoenix area . In 1989 , ADOT made preparations to establish the number along

Maricopa Road and reserved the right @-@ of @-@ way along the parkway . This may have been because of a controversy over the name of John Wayne Parkway , which the road was dubbed at the time . The Gila River Native Americans , whose reservation the parkway ran on , did not want this name , as John Wayne , the actor who formerly owned a ranch on the road , had appeared in several movies in which he had killed Native Americans . In 1997 , the route was officially established as a state highway with its current routing . SR 347 was widened from a two @-@ lane road to the four @-@ lane expressway that it is today .

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