

= Washington State Route 525 =

State Route 525 (SR 525) is a 30 @. @ 68 @- @ mile @- @ long (49 @. @ 37 km) state highway located in Snohomish and Island counties in the western region of the U.S. state of Washington . SR 525 begins at an interchange with Interstate 5 (I @- @ 5) and I @- @ 405 in Lynnwood and travels north to SR 99 as a four @- @ lane controlled @- @ access freeway . From Lynnwood , the highway serves Mukilteo and becomes the terminus of SR 526 before taking its ferry route to Clinton on Whidbey Island . SR 525 traverses the island 's interior as part of the Whidbey Island Scenic Byway before the designation ends at an intersection with SR 20 south of Coupeville .

SR 525 was established during the 1964 state highway renumbering as the successor to Secondary State Highway 1D (SSH 1D) on Whidbey Island and SSH 1I in Mukilteo and Lynnwood , themselves established in 1937 . The highway , at its codification in 1970 , traversed the north ? south length of Whidbey Island and ended at SR 536 near Anacortes until it was replaced by SR 20 in 1973 . SR 525 was converted to its present freeway in Lynnwood during the 1980s and widened to four lanes during the late 1990s , including an overpass over SR 99 . The highway also has a spur route in Mukilteo that has connected SR 525 to SR 526 via Paine Field Boulevard since it was signed in 2001 .

= = Route description = =

SR 525 begins at the Swamp Creek Interchange with I @- @ 5 , also serving as the northern terminus of I @- @ 405 , located in Lynnwood in southern Snohomish County . The four @- @ lane controlled @- @ access freeway travels north past Alderwood Mall and a partial cloverleaf interchange with Alderwood Mall Parkway , which serves the eponymous mall . SR 525 continues north under overpasses carrying 164th Street and 148th Street before reaching its partial cloverleaf interchange with SR 99 , where the freeway ends . The highway becomes the four @- @ lane Mukilteo Speedway and travels northwest into the city of Mukilteo , serving its commercial and industrial areas located south of Paine Field . SR 525 intersects its spur route , which travels north as Paine Field Boulevard towards the Boeing Everett Factory , before it serves as the western terminus of SR 526 . The highway gains a ferry holding lane on its northbound shoulder as it approaches the Mukilteo ferry terminal , located between the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park and the local train station , where the designation of SR 525 is carried onto the Whidbey Island Ferry across Possession Sound . The ferry , operated by Washington State Ferries (WSF) , takes approximately 20 minutes for each of its 39 daily round @- @ trip crossings . As of May 2012 , WSF charges a fare of \$ 4 @. @ 65 per walk @- @ on passenger and \$ 7 @. @ 85 per vehicle during off @- @ peak seasons , with varying fares depending on passenger age and vehicle size . SR 525 leaves the ferry terminal at Clinton and travels west through the interior of Whidbey Island in unincorporated Island County as part of the Whidbey Island Scenic Byway , a state scenic byway . The highway turns north along Holmes Harbor in Freeland and continues through Greenbank before SR 525 terminates at SR 20 south of Coupeville .

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 2012 , WSDOT calculated that the busiest section of SR 525 was its southern terminus at I @- @ 5 and I @- @ 405 , serving 61 @, @ 000 vehicles , while the least busiest section of the highway was at the Mukilteo ferry terminal , serving 5 @, @ 700 vehicles . SR 525 is designated as part of the National Highway System from Lynnwood to the Mukilteo ferry terminal , classifying it as important to the national economy , defense , and mobility . WSDOT designates the entire route of SR 525 as a Highway of Statewide Significance , which includes highways that connect major communities in the state of Washington .

= = History = =

SR 525 uses the Whidbey Island Ferry between Mukilteo and Clinton , which began as a route of the Island Transportation Company in 1919 . The ferry was later taken over by the Puget Sound Navigation Company , who were sold to the state of Washington in 1951 during the formation of the WSF . The discontinuous road sections of SR 525 were added to the state highway system in 1937 as SSH 1D and SSH 1I , both branches of PSH 1 . SSH 1D traveled 54 @. @ 73 miles (88 @. @ 08 km) on Whidbey and Fidalgo islands from the Clinton ferry dock to an intersection with the Anacortes branch of PSH 1 at Sharps Corner . SSH 1I traveled 10 @. @ 63 miles (17 @. @ 11 km) in a circular arc from Everett to Lynnwood , traveling on Mukilteo Boulevard and the Mukilteo Speedway .

SR 525 was established during the 1964 state highway renumbering and codified in 1970 as the successor to both SSH 1D and SSH 1I , traveling 62 @. @ 04 miles (99 @. @ 84 km) north from the newly constructed Swamp Creek Interchange at I @- @ 5 and I @- @ 405 in Lynnwood , opened in 1965 , to SR 536 south of Anacortes . The highway was truncated to its present terminus south of Coupeville after SR 20 was extended east as the North Cascades Highway in 1973 . SR 525 was re @- @ aligned onto a two @- @ lane freeway within Lynnwood in the 1980s replacing the local streets it had used to connect to I @- @ 5 and SR 99 . The Swamp Creek Interchange , where SR 525 meets I @- @ 5 and I @- @ 405 , was opened in November 1984 .

WSF ferry routes were added to its respective state highways in 1994 , eliminating one of two gaps along the route of SR 525 , the other being a concurrency with SR 99 that was replaced by a partial cloverleaf interchange in 2000 during the widening of the freeway segment in Lynnwood . A spur route , located completely in Mukilteo , was added to SR 525 in 2001 along the route of the four @- @ lane Paine Field Boulevard , connecting the main highway to SR 526 .

= = Major intersections = =

= = Spur route = =

SR 525 has a 0 @. @ 86 @- @ mile @- @ long (1 @. @ 38 km) spur route on Paine Field Boulevard in Mukilteo that connects the northbound lanes of the Mukilteo Speedway to SR 526 eastbound towards Everett and the local Boeing factory . Paine Field Boulevard was built in 1999 and signed as SR 525 Spur in 2001 , subsequently being widened and improved in 2003 by WSDOT . A proposal to extend Paine Field Boulevard through Japanese Gulch and create a bypass of the Mukilteo ferry terminal has been a part of the city 's transportation plan since 2001 , but has not been built . WSDOT estimated , during its annual AADT survey , that 21 @, @ 000 vehicles used the highway in 2012 .