

= California State Route 16 =

State Route 16 (SR 16) is a state highway in the northern region of the U.S. state of California that runs from Route 20 in Colusa County to Route 49 just outside Plymouth in Amador County . It is discontinuous through Sacramento , specifically between Interstate 5 in Woodland and U.S. Route 50 east of Sacramento .

= = Route description = =

SR 16 is part of the California Freeway and Expressway System and is eligible for the State Scenic Highway System . However , it is not designated as a scenic highway by Caltrans . It is known as the Stanley L. Van Vleck Memorial Highway from Dillard Road in Sacramento County to the Amador County line , honoring a former prominent leader in the state 's agricultural organizations .

= = = Western section = = =

State Route 16 begins in Colusa County near Wilbur Springs at the junction with State Route 20 . SR 16 goes south alongside Bear Creek , which enters a narrow canyon and joins with Cache Creek near the Yolo County line . SR 16 continues in the canyon , running close to the river , passing Cache Creek Canyon Regional Park , and emerging from the canyon north of Rumsey . This section is so prone to rock slides that there are permanent gates at each end .

SR 16 continues to parallel Cache Creek , at a greater distance , going south @-@ east through Capay Valley , with Blue Ridge to its west and the Capay Hills (including Bald Mountain) to its east . It goes through Rumsey , Guinda , Brooks , Cache Creek Casino Resort , Capay , Esparto (intersecting with County Route E4 to Dunnigan) , and Madison .

East of Madison , and now in the Central Valley , SR 16 interchanges with Interstate 505 before heading east toward Woodland . In west Woodland it merges with County Road 22 and then turns north , concurrently with County Route E7 and Interstate 5 Business , until it meets its interchange with Interstate 5 .

= = = Eastern section = = =

The eastern segment of SR 16 begins at U.S. Route 50 east of Sacramento . SR 16 heads east through Perkins as Jackson Road . After it passes near Bridge House and Rancho Murieta , where it crosses the Cosumnes River , SR 16 enters Amador County . SR 16 then ascends into the Sierra Nevada foothills , leaving the Central Valley . In Amador County , SR 16 passes near Forest Home before intersecting with State Route 124 and terminating at State Route 49 .

= = History = =

The two ends of SR 16 were added to the state highway system by the third bond issue , passed by the state 's voters in 1919 : Route 50 from Lower Lake east to Rumsey and Route 54 from the Sacramento @-@ Amador County line east to Drytown . Each was connected to Sacramento by existing or planned paved county highways . Although the exact alignment of Route 50 was not specified , the state Department of Engineering had already surveyed a 35 @-@ mile (56 km) route through Cache Creek Canyon pursuant to a 1915 law , which defined the Yolo and Lake Highway " following generally , the meanderings of Cache creek " but did not make it a state highway . By 1924 , the California Highway Commission 's engineers had realized that building Route 50 through the canyon was impractical , and adopted a substitute plan for two highways connecting Lower Lake and Rumsey with the planned Route 15 (Tahoe @-@ Ukiah Highway , now State Route 20) to the north in September 1925 . The western connection , to Lower Lake , became part of Route 49 (now State Route 53 there) , which continued south from Lower Lake to Calistoga .

Each route was extended to Sacramento in 1933 over the aforementioned county highways , taking Route 50 southeast from Rumsey to Woodland near Cache Creek and then alongside the Sacramento River to the I Street Bridge , and Route 54 west from the county line to Route 11 just outside Sacramento . The entirety of both routes , from SR 20 near Wilbur Springs through Sacramento to State Route 49 just north of Drytown (and initially overlapping SR 49 to Jackson) , was included in the initial state sign route system in 1934 as Sign Route 16 . Through downtown Sacramento , SR 16 followed U.S. 40 (Legislative Route 6) and U.S. 50 (Legislative Route 11) , mostly on Capitol Avenue , while Legislative Route 50 continued south on 5th Street (later a one @-@ way pair of 3rd and 5th Streets) and turned east on Broadway , carrying Sign Route 24 most of the way to Freeport Boulevard . In the 1964 renumbering , Route 16 became the new legislative designation , and Sign Route 24 through Sacramento was replaced with State Route 99 and State Route 160 . As neither of these used what had been Sign Route 24 along 3rd and 5th Streets and Broadway , part of Route 16 's new definition (" Route 5 near Woodland to Sacramento ") was used for several years on this alignment until it became part of State Route 99 later that decade . This left the western segment of SR 16 ending at Interstate 5 near the east end of the I Street Bridge until 1984 , when the Woodland @-@ Sacramento portion , which had become redundant with the parallel Interstate 5 complete , was deleted from the legislative definition . It was at about this time that SR 16 was rerouted from the intersection with County Route E7 to continue north on a bypass of Woodland instead of east to Interstate 5 .

On September 15 , 2014 , Assembly Bill No. 1957 was passed , authorizing relinquishment of the segment of SR 16 in Eastern Sacramento near US 50 .

= = Major intersections = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was in 1964 , based on the alignment that existed at the time , and do not necessarily reflect current mileage . R reflects a realignment in the route since then , M indicates a second realignment , L refers an overlap due to a correction or change , and T indicates postmiles classified as temporary (for a full list of prefixes , see the list of postmile definitions) . Segments that remain unconstructed or have been relinquished to local control may be omitted . The numbers reset at county lines ; the start and end postmiles in each county are given in the county column .