

## = California State Route 195 =

State Route 195 ( SR 195 ) was a state highway in the U.S. state of California , branching westward from SR 111 to SR 86 near the town of Mecca and the Salton Sea . The route formerly extended east to Interstate 10 ( I @-@ 10 ) near Joshua Tree National Park as a longer route extending to Blythe and points further east . After the main route was shifted north , the older route remained as an alternate known as Box Canyon Road . The route was designated in the 1964 state highway renumbering , although the Box Canyon Road portion was removed as a state highway in 1972 . Following the construction of the SR 86 expressway , SR 195 was curtailed in 2009 , and removed entirely in 2014 .

## = = Route description = =

Before the route was mostly removed in 2009 , it began at Harrison Street , the old routing of SR 86 , in Riverside County . It then headed north as Pierce Street until intersecting 66th Street , where SR 195 turned east . The highway intersected SR 86 and continued to the town of Mecca , where it met its north end at SR 111 . The route loosely paralleled the northern end of the Salton Sea , passing through farmland for its entire length .

In 2013 , SR 195 had an annual average daily traffic ( AADT ) of 4500 at Buchanan Street , and 6 @, @ 000 at the eastern terminus with SR 111 , the latter of which was the highest AADT for the highway .

## = = History = =

Route 64 , a highway from Mecca to Blythe , was added to the state highway system in 1919 . In 1935 , Pierce Street from Route 26 near Oasis to Avenue 66 , and Avenue 66 from Route 26 to Mecca were added to the state highway system . Two years later , Pierce Street was designated as Route 203 , and Avenue 66 was designated as Route 204 . By 1926 , the road existed east of Mecca to Blythe , but was unpaved ; by 1930 , the road connected from Mecca to the road along the western side of the Salton Sea to Indio and points further west .

Between 1932 and 1934 , the road east of Mecca had been paved . The western part of the road , known as the Box Canyon road , from Mecca to Blythe served as part of US 60 and US 70 until it was eventually bypassed in favor of a more direct route to Indio , diverging at Shavers ' Summit . Between 1934 and 1936 , US 60 and US 70 had made the shift north towards Indio , and the portion between US 99 and Mecca was paved . Initial opposition was later overcome after the road was washed out during a storm and forced motorists to take refuge in the nearby foothills . By 1940 , the SR 195 designation was signed . In the 1940s , the highway continued due west of Mecca to end at an intersection with US 99 , rather than turning south .

In 1953 , efforts to remove the road from Mecca to the highway from Blythe to Indio , from the state highway system were met with community opposition , since it served as an alternate route for the other highway . State Senator Nelson Dilworth proposed legislation to require the road from Banning through Idyllwild to Mountain Center to be added to the state highway system if SR 195 was removed , as the two were of roughly the same length , but the latter remained in the system .

SR 195 was officially designated in the 1964 state highway renumbering . The original alignment continued past SR 111 and the Salton Sea before ending at US 60 , which later became I @-@ 10 , at the southern end of Joshua Tree National Park . The Division of Highways proposed deleting this part of the state highway in 1971 , though similar plans had been revived in 1969 . This portion was removed in 1972 .

In 1988 , the California Transportation Commission ( CTC ) approved shifting SR 111 onto the new SR 86 expressway after it was completed , using SR 195 to make the connection . When the SR 86 expressway was fully constructed , SR 195 was to be removed from the state highway system according to state law ; that expressway was finished in 2001 . However , this removed the connection from the highway portion of SR 111 to the new expressway carrying both SR 111 and

SR 86 north from the state highway system . Caltrans officially deleted most of SR 195 in 2009 , leaving a gap in SR 111 following deletions of the old routing that was now bypassed by the expressway . In December 2014 , with Riverside County and Caltrans both supporting , the CTC transferred the remaining portion of SR 195 , from the new SR 86 expressway to SR 111 , to become part of SR 111 . SR 195 still appears in Caltrans documents dated from 2014 .

= = Major intersections = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was when the route was established , based on the 1972 routing , 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 entire route was in Riverside County .