

## = Arizona State Route 97 =

State Route 97 ( SR 97 ) is a 10 @. @ 91 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 17 @. @ 56 km ) state highway in the U.S. state of Arizona . It runs from U.S. Route 93 ( US 93 ) northwest of Congress northeast to SR 96 southeast of Bagdad . The road was built by the late 1930s and improved during the late 1940s . Established as a state route in 1962 , SR 97 was paved in the early 1970s . In 2000 , the highway was officially added to the State Highway system .

## = = Route description = =

The route begins at an intersection with US 93 northwest of Congress and southeast of Nothing . Beginning at US 93 southbound , SR 97 crosses US 93 northbound after several feet . It crosses through a desert region in a northeasterly direction , meeting a dirt road that connects back to US 93 . SR 97 curves northward before heading eastward at an intersection with Burro Creek Road . Again turning northeastward , the roadway meets various local roads , most of them dirt . The highway meets its northern terminus at SR 96 , which continues northwestward toward Bagdad .

The highway is maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation ( ADOT ) who is responsible for constructing and maintaining highways in the state . As part of this role , ADOT surveys volumes of traffic on their highways . These surveys are most often presented in the form of annual average daily traffic ( AADT ) , which is the number of vehicles that travel a road during an average day during the year . In 2009 , ADOT calculated that an average of only 550 vehicles used the road daily . 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 of the SR 97 northeast of Burro Creek Road had been built by 1939 . Between 1946 and 1951 , the section north of Burro Creek Road was improved and the section south built as a graded road . The road was logged as a state route in 1962 along its current routing , connecting SR 96 to the rest of the state highway system . The highway was then paved throughout its entirety in 1973 . In 2000 , the route was slightly realigned because of a widening project on US 93 from a two @-@ lane highway to a four @-@ lane divided highway . That same year , SR 97 officially became a State Highway .

## = = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Yavapai County .