

= Maryland Route 657 =

Maryland Route 657 (MD 657) was a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . The state highway ran 1 @. @ 82 miles (2 @. @ 93 km) from MD 36 in Lonaconing north to the Garrett County line , where it continued north as Avilton ? Lonaconing Road . MD 657 was designated in the late 1930s . As part of a road maintenance swap enacted in 2008 , the highway was reconstructed in 2010 , then turned over to Allegany County in 2011 .

= = Route description = =

MD 657 began at MD 36 (Main Street) within the Lonaconing Historic District . The state highway headed northwest as Douglas Avenue , a two @-@ lane road with a speed limit of 15 miles per hour (24 km / h) maintained by the town of Lonaconing . After passing Old Beechwood Road , MD 657 left the town of Lonaconing , becoming state @-@ maintained with a new name , Skids Hill Road . The roadway narrowed to 15 feet (4 @. @ 6 m) and the speed limit increased to 25 miles per hour (40 km / h) as the state highway climbed toward Big Savage Mountain high above Koontz Creek . At the Garrett County line , MD 657 ended and continued north as Avilton ? Lonaconing Road toward the top of the ridge .

= = History = =

Skids Hill Road was improved as a county highway by the Maryland State Roads Commission in 1934 . MD 657 was designated when that county highway was brought into the state highway system in 1939 . In 2008 , the Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) and Allegany County signed a road transfer agreement in which the state would take over maintenance of Messick Road and a portion of Williams Road near Cumberland . That stretch of highway became part of an extended MD 639 in 2008 . In exchange , the county would assume responsibility for the section of MD 657 outside of the town of Lonaconing . The town would continue to maintain the portion of the route within the town . The change of responsibility for MD 657 would not take place until after MDSHA reconstructed the highway , which was planned for 2010 . In March 2010 , a 50 @-@ foot (15 m) section of the state highway was damaged by a torrent of water released from an abandoned mine following several days of rainfall , requiring an emergency repair project that reduced the roadway 's width at the site from 15 feet (4 @. @ 6 m) to 13 @. @ 5 feet (4 @. @ 1 m) . MDSHA began its planned reconstruction of MD 657 from Old Beechwood Road to the Garrett County line , which included added retaining walls and widening the roadway , in April 2010 . The highway fully reopened in December 2010 . The official transfer of maintenance occurred and the MD 657 designation was removed in 2011 .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route was in Lonaconing , Allegany County .