

= Pennsylvania Route 663 =

Pennsylvania Route 663 (PA 663) is a 22 @. @ 98 @- @ mile @- @ long (36 @. @ 98 km) state highway in Bucks and Montgomery counties in southeast Pennsylvania . Its northern terminus is at PA 309 and PA 313 in Quakertown , where it continues eastward as PA 313 , and its southern terminus is at PA 100 in Pottstown . Along the way , PA 663 also passes through the town of Pennsburg . It is called John Fries Highway between Pennsburg and Quakertown . It has an interchange with Interstate 476 (I @- @ 476 , the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike) at exit 44 west of Quakertown . The route was assigned in 1930 , and it has had several realignments since its commissioning , including two major ones .

= = Route description = =

PA 663 begins at an intersection with PA 100 in Pottstown , Montgomery County , heading east on four @- @ lane undivided West King Street . The road passes through commercial areas and crosses the Colebrookdale Railroad and Manatawny Creek . The route becomes two @- @ lane undivided King Street and is lined with residences . PA 663 turns north onto Charlotte Street and continues past homes , curving to the northeast . The road crosses into Upper Pottsgrove Township and runs through a mix of residential and commercial areas as North Charlotte Street . The route turns east before it curves back to the northeast . PA 663 continues through wooded areas with a few homes and enters New Hanover Township . The road runs through more rural areas with some development and passes to the east of New Hanover Airport at the Swamp Pike intersection .

Farther northeast , PA 663 intersects PA 73 and turns east to form a concurrency with that route on Big Road . The road crosses Swamp Creek before PA 663 splits from PA 73 by heading northeast on Layfield Road . The route runs through farmland and woodland with some development . Farther northeast , the road heads into Upper Hanover Township and crosses the Green Lane Reservoir along the Perkiomen Creek . PA 663 heads into Pennsburg , where it becomes Pottstown Avenue and runs past homes and a few businesses . In the center of town , the route intersects PA 29 . Past this intersection , the road becomes Quakertown Avenue and passes more development before leaving Pennsburg for Upper Hanover Township again . At this point , the route becomes John Fries Highway and heads through farm fields and woods .

Past the Geryville Pike intersection , PA 663 enters Milford Township in Bucks County and continues through more rural areas . The road passes to the southeast of Spinnerstown and widens into a four @- @ lane divided highway at the Spinnerstown Road / Krammes Road intersection , where it curves to the east . The route becomes undivided and comes to an interchange with I @- @ 476 (Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension) . PA 663 becomes a divided highway again and passes businesses . The route becomes a two @- @ lane undivided road again and continues back into rural areas , where it crosses Allentown Road . The road passes to the north of Milford Square and passes near some development . The route enters Richland Township at the Portzer Road intersection and passes homes , becoming the border between Richland Township to the north and Quakertown to the south at the Milford Square Pike intersection . PA 663 heads into commercial areas and fully enters Quakertown , where it widens back into a four @- @ lane divided highway and comes to its northern terminus at an intersection with PA 309 . Past this intersection , the road continues east as PA 313 .

= = History = =

PA 663 was once part of the Steinsburg and Milford Square Turnpike . The turnpike was chartered in March 1858 . When Pennsylvania legislated routes in 1911 , what is now PA 663 was not given a number . PA 663 was designated in 1930 to run from in US 422 (High Street) in Pottstown north to PA 73 in New Hanover Township . At this time , the entire length of the route was paved , along with the unnumbered road between PA 73 and Quakertown . In 1936 , PA 663 was extended north to an intersection with PA 309 and PA 313 in Quakertown . The route followed its current alignment

between PA 73 and Pennsburg before it followed Quakertown Road and Sleepy Hollow Road to Spinnerstown , where it turned east and followed Spinnerstown Road and Milford Square Pike to Quakertown . By 1967 , the southern terminus of PA 663 was rerouted to PA 100 in Pottstown , heading west on King Street . In the 1960s , PA 663 was shifted from Milford Square Pike to a new alignment to the north between the Northeast Extension and Quakertown . After construction began in 1973 , a new alignment of PA 663 to the south from Pennsburg to the Northeast Extension opened a year later , with the route moved off Quakertown Road , Sleepy Hollow Road , and Spinnerstown Road .

= = Major intersections = =

= = PA 663 Alternate Truck = =

Pennsylvania Route 663 Alternate Truck is a truck route around a weight @-@ restricted bridge over the Manatawny Creek in Pottstown , on which trucks over 25 tons and combination loads over 28 tons are prohibited . It follows PA 100 and PA 73 and was signed in 2013 .