

= Maryland Route 322 =

Maryland Route 322 (MD 322) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . Known as Easton Parkway , the highway runs 5 @. @ 12 miles (8 @. @ 24 km) on the west side of Easton between two junctions with U.S. Route 50 (US 50) . MD 322 serves as a bypass of downtown Easton for traffic between US 50 and highways to western Talbot County , including MD 33 toward Saint Michaels and MD 333 toward Oxford . Easton Parkway was constructed in the mid to late 1960s . The state highway was originally designated as part of MD 33 ; MD 322 became the sole designation on the bypass in 1978 .

= = Route description = =

MD 322 begins at a directional intersection with US 50 (Ocean Gateway) south of Easton ; there is no direct access from southbound MD 322 to westbound US 50 . MD 322 heads north as a four @- @ lane divided highway to MD 565 (Washington Street) . Beyond this intersection , the state highway reduces to two lanes , curves to the northwest , and crosses Paper Mill Pond . MD 332 parallels the pond through the highway 's intersection with MD 333 , which heads southwest as Oxford Road and northeast as Peach Blossom Road . After the pond turns west , the state highway intersects Port Street , which heads east toward downtown Easton as MD 334 and west as a county highway into the Easton Point industrial area .

MD 322 temporarily expands to a four @- @ lane undivided highway at its intersection with MD 33 , which heads east as Bay Street toward downtown Easton and west as St. Michaels Road . The MD 322 ? MD 33 intersection lies on a crossing of Tanyard Creek just east of its confluence with an unnamed creek to form the North Fork of the Tred Avon River . MD 322 continues northeast past several shopping centers and industrial parks between MD 33 and Glebe Road . Near its northern terminus , the state highway meets the northern end of Washington Street and Airpark Drive , which immediately has an intersection with MD 662 (Centreville Road) before entering an industrial park adjacent to Easton Airport . MD 322 reaches its northern terminus at a directional intersection with US 50 .

MD 322 is a part of the National Highway System as a principal arterial for its entire length .

= = History = =

Easton Parkway was constructed as a way for traffic from Oxford and Saint Michaels to access points north and south via US 50 without having to travel through downtown Easton . The first section of the state highway was completed in 1965 from the present intersection with MD 33 north to US 50 . MD 33 was removed from Bay Street and Washington Street north of downtown Easton and placed on the first section of Easton Parkway . The highway was extended south to MD 333 in 1966 . The remainder of the highway south to US 50 was completed in 1970 . The MD 322 designation was originally applied to the southern part of the parkway as well as Bay Street . MD 33 and MD 322 were reassigned to their present lengths of highway in 1978 .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Easton , Talbot County .

= = Auxiliary routes = =

MD 322A is the designation for the unnamed 0 @. @ 07 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 11 km) ramp from eastbound US 50 to northbound MD 322 south of Easton .

MD 322B is the designation for the 0 @. @ 03 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 048 km) section of Airpark Drive between MD 322 and MD 662 north of Easton .