

= Pennsylvania Route 463 =

Pennsylvania Route 463 (PA 463) is a 12 @. @ 9 @- @ mile @- @ long (20 @. @ 8 km) route completely in Montgomery County , Pennsylvania . Its western terminus is at PA 63 (Welsh Road) in Hatfield Township and its eastern terminus is at PA 611 in Horsham . It runs through the northern suburban areas of Philadelphia and passes through the towns of Hatfield , Montgomeryville , and Horsham . The route intersects PA 309 , U.S. Route 202 Business (US 202 Bus .) , and US 202 in Montgomeryville and PA 152 in Prospectville . Through its length , the route carries the names Forty Foot Road , Cowpath Road , and Horsham Road . PA 463 was designated in 1928 and fully paved by 1940 . In 2010 , a portion of the route in Montgomery Township was widened .

= = Route description = =

PA 463 begins an intersection with PA 63 on the border of Hatfield Township and Towamencin Township , heading northeast on four @- @ lane undivided Forty Foot Road into Hatfield Township . The road passes through commercial areas and farmland and narrows to two lanes . The route continues into residential areas with a few businesses and enters the borough of Hatfield , where it becomes West Broad Street . In Hatfield , the road continues northeast to the center of town . Here , PA 463 turns to the southeast on South Main Street and passes more residential and commercial development , crossing the Bethlehem Branch railroad line that is owned by SEPTA and operated by the Pennsylvania Northeastern Railroad . The road continues back into Hatfield Township and becomes Cowpath Road . The route crosses SEPTA 's Lansdale / Doylestown Line near the Fortuna station and intersecting Broad Street in a commercial area .

Heading past more homes , PA 463 enters Montgomery Township at the Line Street intersection . It reaches the community of Montgomeryville , where PA 463 widens into a four @- @ lane divided highway and intersects PA 309 (Bethlehem Pike) and US 202 Bus . (Doylestown Road) at the Five Points intersection .

Past this intersection , the route takes on the name Horsham Road and passes near more businesses as it narrows into a three @- @ lane road with a center left @- @ turn lane and one travel lane in each direction . After crossing North Wales Road , the route carries five lanes total , with two travel lanes in each direction and a center left @- @ turn lane , as it heads into residential areas . The road passes through commercial areas past the Upper State Road intersection and crosses US 202 . Past Stump Road , PA 463 narrows to two lanes total and runs past residential areas and business parks . Farther southeast , the route becomes the border between Horsham Township to the southwest and Montgomery Township to the northeast .

Upon crossing Lower State Road , PA 463 fully enters Horsham Township and becomes a three @- @ lane road with a center left @- @ turn lane as it heads past housing subdivisions . The route loses the turning lane and continues southeast to PA 152 in the village of Prospectville . At this intersection , PA 463 gains a center left @- @ turn lane again and passes a few businesses before continuing past Deep Meadow Park and Kohler Park . The road intersects Keith Valley Road and passes near Samuel Carpenter Park . At the Babylon Road junction , the route becomes a five @- @ lane road and runs to the northeast of Hatboro @- @ Horsham Senior High School and past business parks before coming to Privet Road . At this point , PA 463 runs past the Horsham Air Guard Station to the northeast and homes and businesses to the southwest . The route reaches the edge of the air station property at the Maple Avenue intersection . PA 463 intersects Drescher Road , where the center left @- @ turn lane ends and the road becomes four lanes , reaching its eastern terminus at PA 611 in the community of Horsham .

= = History = =

When Pennsylvania first legislated routes in 1911 , present @- @ day PA 463 was not given a number . In 1928 , PA 463 was designated onto its current alignment from PA 63 in Hatfield Township to US 611 / PA 2 in Horsham . At this time , the route was paved between PA 63 and

Hatfield . When first created , PA 463 intersected US 122 / US 309 / PA 12 / PA 52 in Montgomery Township and PA 152 in Horsham Township . By 1930 , PA 463 was paved in Horsham Township . At this time , it no longer intersected PA 12 and PA 52 and it now intersected PA 752 in Horsham Township . The remainder of PA 463 was paved by 1940 . Also by this time , US 122 became US 202 and PA 463 no longer intersected PA 752 , the first of several changes to the routes that intersected PA 463 .

In 1968 , the US 309 designation that the route intersected in Montgomeryville became PA 309 . The route at the eastern terminus of PA 463 changed from US 611 to PA 611 in 1972 . Construction began to widen the section of PA 463 between North Wales Road and General Hancock Boulevard into a five @-@ lane road as part of the 202 Parkway project in 2009 . The widening project was completed a year later .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Montgomery County .