

= Delaware Route 299 =

Delaware Route 299 ( DE 299 ) is a state highway in New Castle County , Delaware . It runs 9 @. @ 77 mi ( 15 @. @ 72 km ) from Maryland Route 282 ( MD 282 ) at the Maryland border east of Warwick , Maryland to DE 9 in Mathews Corners , passing through Middletown and Odessa . It overlaps U.S. Route 301 ( US 301 ) from just east of the Maryland border to the west end of Middletown . It is also concurrent with DE 15 along the eastern part of the US 301 concurrency . The road runs through a mix of suburban development .

Delaware Route 299 was originally designated as DE 4 in 1938 , running as far east as US 13 in Odessa . By 1957 , DE 4 became DE 299 to match MD 299 ( now MD 282 ) and was extended east to DE 9 in 1959 . Over the years , several different routes had followed the DE 299 alignment including DE 71 west of Middletown between 1959 and 1987 and US 301N between Middletown and Odessa from 1959 to 1971 . In 2008 , a widening of DE 299 in the western part of Middletown began ; it was completed in November 2010 .

= = Route description = =

DE 299 heads east from the Maryland border on Warwick Road , passing through farmland . At the state line , the road continues west into Maryland as MD 282 . Shortly after the state line , it merges onto US 301 and heads to the northeast on Middletown Warwick Road . DE 15 joins with the two routes , heading from the south on Levels Road , and they head into the commercial western part of Middletown . At the point DE 15 makes a left onto Bunker Hill Road , US 301 continues straight and DE 299 makes a right onto Main Street , heading east across Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary rail line into the downtown area of Middletown . In the center of town , DE 299 intersects DE 71 ( Broad Street ) .

After running through the downtown area , the route heads east through suburban commercial development in the eastern part of Middletown , passing to the north of Middletown High School , and becomes Middletown Odessa Road . It intersects the DE 1 toll road at a diamond interchange and heads east through a mix of farms and homes into Odessa , becoming Main Street . In Odessa , the route is lined with homes and intersects US 13 , which is split onto 5th Street northbound and 6th Street southbound . Following this intersection , the road runs through the Odessa Historic District . Past Odessa , DE 299 crosses the Appoquinimink River and heads to the southeast on Old State Road into housing developments . The route makes a left turn onto Taylors Bridge Road briefly and ends at DE 9 in Mathews Corners .

Portions of DE 299 are designated as part of the Delaware Byways system . The section between Silver Lake Road in Middletown and DE 9 is part of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway while the section between US 13 in Odessa and DE 9 is a spur of the Delaware 's Bayshore Byway . DE 299 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 16 @, @ 456 vehicles at the west end of the DE 15 concurrency to a low of 433 vehicles at the Old State Road intersection . The portion of DE 299 concurrent with US 301 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what is now DE 299 existed as an unimproved county road . This county road was paved by 1924 . The present @-@ day alignment of DE 299 became a state highway by 1935 . The current DE 299 was originally designated as DE 4 in 1938 , running between the Maryland border and US 13 in Odessa . By 1957 , DE 4 was renumbered to DE 299 to match MD 299 ( now MD 282 ) across the border and DE 71 was designated concurrent with most of the route west of Middletown . US 301 was designated along the DE 71 / DE 299 concurrency in 1959 while US 301N was designated between DE 71 and US 13 . Also at this time , DE 299 was extended east to DE 9 . The US 301N designation was removed between Middletown and Odessa in 1971 . DE 71 was rerouted off US 301 / DE 299 by 1987 . By 1994 , DE 15 was designated to follow a portion of US 301 / DE

299 west of Middletown . In July 2008 , a widening project began on US 301 / DE 299 between United Drive and the east end of the concurrency . This widening to four lanes was completed in November 2010 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in New Castle County .