

= New York State Route 33A =

New York State Route 33A ( NY 33A ) is an east ? west state highway mostly located in Monroe County , New York , in the United States . The route is just over 17 miles ( 27 km ) long and serves as an alternate route of NY 33 between the town of Bergen in Genesee County and the city of Rochester in Monroe County . While NY 33 heads to Rochester by way of Churchville and northern Gates , NY 33A dips south to pass through Chili and southern Gates . NY 33A was assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , but only from Riga to Rochester . It was extended westward to its current terminus in Bergen c . 1932 .

= = Route description = =

= = = West of Gates = = =

NY 33A begins at an intersection with NY 33 just east of the village of Bergen in the town of the same name . From this point , NY 33 travels to the west and to the northeast while NY 33A heads east . Less than a quarter of a mile ( 0 @. @ 4 km ) from its western terminus , NY 33A meets Interstate 490 ( I @- @ 490 ) at exit 2 . In this area , I @- @ 490 straddles the border between Genesee County and Monroe County ; thus , the westbound portion of the interchange is in Genesee County while the eastbound half is in Monroe County .

Now in the town of Riga , NY 33A becomes Chili ? Riga Center Road as it traverses a largely rural portion of southwestern Monroe County . In the small hamlet of Riga , the route intersects and briefly overlaps with NY 36 . East of Riga hamlet , NY 33A heads generally northeastward , passing by Black Creek Park as it enters the town of Chili . Just west of the hamlet of West Chili , the route crosses over Black Creek and intersects Chili Avenue Extension . At this junction , NY 33A becomes Chili Avenue , the name it retains into the city of Rochester . Locally , the Chili Avenue name is used more in common parlance than the NY 33A designation .

In West Chili , the route meets the southern terminus of NY 259 . The route continues on , heading northeastward into more densely populated areas of the town of Chili . About 1 @. @ 5 miles ( 2 @. @ 4 km ) east of West Chili , NY 33A intersects the western terminus of NY 252 . Not far to the northeast , the highway meets NY 386 , which joins NY 33A for one mile ( 1 @. @ 6 km ) to Chili Center , Chili 's main commercial hub . Here , NY 386 splits off to the north at a junction that also served as the western terminus of NY 252A . Past Chili Center , NY 33A heads northeast through a residential neighborhood and into the town of Gates .

= = = Gates and Rochester = = =

Just across the town line , NY 33A intersects the east end of the Airport Expressway ( NY 204 ) . At this point , NY 204 leaves the highway and turns to follow NY 33A eastward . While most of NY 33A west of Gates is a two @- @ lane highway , the portion of Chili Avenue that carries both NY 33A and NY 204 is a four @- @ lane roadway . The two routes soon enter Tressmar , a hamlet that has been transformed into a major commercial destination . The development is mostly centered on Westgate Plaza , a large shopping plaza anchored by a Walmart . As NY 33A passes south of the plaza , it connects to Howard Road ( unsigned NY 940L and formerly part of NY 47 ) and Brooks Avenue . NY 204 leaves NY 33A at Brooks Avenue to follow the road eastward toward the Greater Rochester International Airport .

East of Brooks Avenue , NY 33A passes through a small residential area before entering a more industrial neighborhood surrounding the Erie Canal and the Rochester city line . In the western portion of this area , the route meets I @- @ 390 at exit 19 and intersects Buell Road ( County Route 162 ) , which directly links NY 33A to the airport a half @- @ mile ( 0 @. @ 8 km ) to the south . East of I @- @ 390 , NY 33A crosses the Erie Canal and enters the city of Rochester , at which point maintenance of NY 33A shifts from the New York State Department of Transportation ( NYSDOT )

to the city of Rochester . On the northern bank of the waterway , the route passes under the Rochester and Southern Railroad . The surroundings become significantly more residential east of the railroad as the route heads northeastward toward downtown Rochester . However , NY 33A ends roughly one mile ( 1 @. @ 6 km ) west of downtown at a junction with NY 33 ( West Avenue ) . Here , Chili and West Avenues converge and NY 33 continues toward downtown as West Main Street .

= = History = =

In 1908 , the New York State Legislature created Route 16 , an unsigned legislative route extending from the Southern Tier village of Cuba to the city of Rochester just south of Lake Ontario . Route 16 entered the Rochester area on what is now NY 386 and followed modern NY 386 , Old Scottsville ? Chili Road , and Chili Avenue northeastward to the Rochester city line . From there , the route continued for an additional 1 mile ( 1 @. @ 6 km ) to the original city limits , where it ended near the intersection of Chili Avenue and Post Street . On March 1 , 1921 , Route 16 was truncated to end in Le Roy while the portion of its former alignment north of Caledonia became part of an extended Route 15 .

When the first set of posted routes in New York were assigned in 1924 , the segment of legislative Route 15 north of Caledonia was not assigned a designation . Within two years , a highway extending from Batavia to Rochester by way of Bergen and Gates was designated as NY 33 . However , NY 33 followed a more northerly routing through Gates than old Route 15 did as it used Buffalo Road instead of Chili Avenue . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the Chili Avenue portion of legislative Route 15 became part of the new NY 33A , a then @-@ spur route of NY 33 that began at NY 36 in Riga and ended at NY 33 in southwestern Rochester . NY 33A was extended westward c . 1932 to the town of Bergen , where it reconnected to NY 33 southeast of the village of Bergen .

= = Major intersections = =