

= Pennsylvania Route 652 =

Pennsylvania Route 652 (PA 652) is a 10 @. @ 559 @- @ mile @- @ long (16 @. @ 993 km) east ? west state highway located in the northeast Pennsylvania county of Wayne . The western terminus of the route is at U.S. Route 6 (US 6) in the Texas Township community of Indian Orchard . The highway heads to the northeast , and reaches the eastern terminus at the New York @- @ Pennsylvania border in Damascus Township , where PA 652 crosses the Narrowsburg ? Darbytown Bridge over the Delaware River and into New York , continuing as New York State Route 52 (NY 52) and County Route 24 (CR 24) in Sullivan County .

The highway originated as the easternmost stretch of US 106 when the United States Highway System was first put together in 1926 . The route , however , was assigned as a state highway in 1920 . PA 652 was once used south of the alignment , in the northern suburbs in Philadelphia . PA 652 remained on that alignment until 1946 , and in 1972 , the PA 652 designation was reassigned onto the US 106 alignment .

= = Route description = =

PA 652 begins at an intersection with US 6 (Texas ? Palmyra Highway / Grand Army of the Republic Highway) in the village of Indian Orchard . PA 652 progresses northeast as a two @- @ lane local road through Texas Township as the Beach Lake Highway . Crossing into the village of Bethel , the route winds northeast through Berlin Township and enters Beach Lake . PA 652 is the main road through downtown Beach Lake , crossing an intersection with Milanville Road , which connects to the Skinners Falls @- @ Milanville Bridge .

After Beach Lake , PA 652 wanders northeast past Little Beach Pond and into Damascus Township . In Damascus , PA 652 enters a more wooded region of the county until Woodland Drive , where it becomes primarily residential once again . The route soon bends eastward then to the southeast at Kaiser Street , reaching the Delaware River as it enters Darbytown . Running eastward along the river , PA 652 reaches the Narrowsburg @- @ Darbytown Bridge , where it crosses the river into the state of New York , where it continues as NY 52 and CR 24 in Narrowsburg .

= = History = =

PA 652 was first assigned in 1928 to a series of local streets in the northwestern suburbs of Philadelphia . The southern terminus of the route was at the modern US 30 / Old Eagle School Road intersection on the Chester ? Delaware county line near Devon to the west and Wayne to the east . PA 652 followed Old Eagle School Road north to King of Prussia , where the route turned east onto East Swedesford Road . At the location of the modern US 422 / US 202 interchange , PA 652 turned north onto Guthrie Road , running alongside the right @- @ of @- @ way of what is now the US 422 expressway to North Gulph Road . PA 652 continued north on North Gulph Road to the Valley Forge National Historical Park , where it terminated at PA 23 .

In 1946 , PA 652 was transferred to the control of the local suburbs along its entire length , and control of the roads went to local highway departments . The portion of the route between Guthrie Road and PA 23 returned to state control in 1967 when PA 363 was routed onto North Gulph Road .

The current alignment of PA 652 was classified as a state highway as early as 1920 , nine years after the Sproul Road Bill was passed by the Pennsylvania State Legislature . The Sproul Road Bill also assigned the first state highways in Pennsylvania . There was no designation given to the highway . From 1926 to 1972 , the modern routing of PA 652 was part of US 106 . The road also carried a portion of PA 19 from 1927 to 1930 . On March 14 , 1972 , US 106 was decommissioned and replaced with the PA 652 designation between Indian Orchard and the Delaware River . Signs were changed by April of that year .

PA 652 has a consistent stretch of water crossings that helps put the highway together . The first bridge along the highway , built in 1925 , was the US 106 bridge spanning a tributary of the

Delaware River . The concrete @-@ paved span was reconstructed in 1980 and crosses the tributary into New York on a 50 @.@ 85 feet (15 @.@ 50 m) long span . The next bridge was the current Narrowsburg ? Darbytown Bridge , built in 1954 over the Delaware . The bridge is structurally deficient according to the United States Department of Transportation , and is in need of replacement . The bridge is 425 feet (130 m) long and made of steel .

The final two bridges were constructed in 1964 . The first was constructed for US 106 over Indian Orchard Brook . It is located about 500 feet (150 m) east of State Route 2011 (Poor Farm Road) . It is a structurally deficient , 20 @.@ 99 feet (6 @.@ 40 m) concrete bridge . There is no recorded estimate for replacement costs . The second bridge is also over Indian Orchard Brook , and is in Texas Township . The bridge is 41 @.@ 99 feet (12 @.@ 80 m) long and built out of concrete , which handles an average of 6 @,@ 804 commuters a year .

= = Major intersections = =