

## = New York State Route 37B =

New York State Route 37B ( NY 37B ) is an east ? west state highway located in St. Lawrence County , New York , in the United States . It serves as a business route of NY 37 through the village of Massena . While NY 37B enters the village , NY 37 bypasses it to the south . The western terminus of the route is at an intersection with NY 37 in the town of Louisville . Its eastern terminus is at a junction with NY 37 just east of the village limits in the town of Massena . NY 37B intersects North Main Street , a state @-@ maintained northward extension of NY 420 , in Massena 's central district .

The origins of NY 37B date back to the early 20th century when the New York State Legislature created Route 32 , an unsigned legislative route extending from North Lawrence to Ogdensburg via Massena . From Waddington to Massena , Route 32 followed River Road and Town Line Road . This portion of the route became part of NY 3 in 1924 . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the Waddington ? Massena segment of NY 3 became NY 37B . The route was extended east into Massena in the 1950s after NY 37 was realigned to follow a new bypass around the village .

Most of NY 37B west of Massena ran through a low @-@ lying area along the St. Lawrence River . In 1958 , this area was permanently inundated as part of the St. Lawrence Seaway 's construction . As a result , NY 37B was rerouted to follow a new roadway along the fringe of Lake St. Lawrence to meet NY 37 in Louisville Corner . A connector between NY 37 and NY 37B in Louisville was designated as NY 131 by 1960 . The alignments of NY 37B and NY 131 west of Massena were swapped c . 1962 , placing NY 37B on its modern alignment .

## = = Route description = =

NY 37B begins at an intersection with its parent route , NY 37 , in the town of Louisville . The route heads to the northeast , paralleling the Grasse River as it passes a small number of homes and businesses located in the otherwise rural town . There are small patches of forested areas along the way to the Massena village line ( and the town 's line of the same name ) , where it intersects with Town Line Road ( County Route 43 ) . Once in Massena , the amount of development along the highway begins to increase . NY 37B , now known as Maple Street , continues northeast through Massena for three blocks before veering eastward upon passing Massena Memorial Hospital .

In the center of Massena , NY 37B intersects North Main Street , which connects to NY 420 south of the village . The portion of Main Street between NY 420 and NY 37B is maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation as NY 970B , an unsigned reference route . Past North Main Street , NY 37B follows Maple Street southeast to Center Street . The route merges with Center Street and becomes a divided highway as it connects to Willow Street by way of an interchange and intersects an eastward extension of Center Street .

NY 37B turns south at the interchange , becoming Parker Avenue and crossing over the Grasse River to meet East Orvis Street on the southern riverbank . Here , the route turns east to follow East Orvis Street northeastward through the residential and commercial areas that comprise southeastern Massena . At the Massena village line , East Orvis Street becomes Highland Road , a name NY 37B retains for a short distance eastward to a junction with NY 37 ( St. Regis Boulevard ) . Although Highland Road continues through the intersection , NY 37B ends at the junction .

## = = History = =

In 1908 , the New York State Legislature created Route 32 , an unsigned legislative route extending from North Lawrence to Ogdensburg via Winthrop and Massena . It entered Massena on what is now NY 420 and followed Main Street and Maple Street through the village . West of Massena , the highway was routed on Town Line Road and River Road to a junction east of Waddington , where Route 32 continued west on modern NY 37 to Waddington . When state highways in New York were first posted in 1924 , the portion of Route 32 between Waddington and Massena became part of NY

3 , a highway extending across the width of the state .

The segment of NY 3 east of Watertown was rerouted as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York to largely follow its modern alignment between Watertown and Plattsburgh . Most of NY 3 's former alignment along the St. Lawrence River from Alexandria Bay to Hogansburg became part of the new NY 37 ; however , from Waddington to Massena , NY 37 used a more inland routing . As a result , the former routing of NY 3 between the two villages became NY 37B instead . In the mid @-@ to @-@ late 1950s , NY 37 was rerouted to follow a new bypass around the southern edge of Massena . Following its completion , NY 37B was extended eastward along NY 37 's former routing on Maple Street , Parker Avenue , and Orvis Street to meet the bypass east of the village .

In the 1950s , construction began on the St. Lawrence Seaway , a system of canals and locks that would make the St. Lawrence River suitable for shipping . As part of the seaway 's construction , a low @-@ lying area in Ontario and New York between Waddington , New York , and Cornwall , Ontario , would be inundated with water in order to create a navigable channel through the Long Sault rapids and to allow hydroelectric stations to be established immediately upriver from Massena and Cornwall . Much of NY 37B was located within the flood @-@ prone region due to its proximity to the river . On July 1 , 1958 , the intentional flooding was carried out via the destruction of a cofferdam upstream , creating what is now known as Lake St. Lawrence and inundating the majority of NY 37B west of Massena .

Following the destruction of the majority of NY 37B , the route was realigned west of Massena to follow a new riverside roadway to the hamlet of Louisville Corner , where it came to an end at NY 37 . The remainder of NY 37B along the Massena ? Louisville town line road and in Massena was unchanged . By 1960 , a connector between NY 37 in Louisville and NY 37B and Massena utilizing NY 37 's former routing west of the village was designated as NY 131 . The alignments of NY 37B and NY 131 west of the Maple Street / Town Line Road intersection were flipped c . 1962 , placing NY 131 on the riverside and town line roads and NY 37B on NY 37 's former routing into Massena .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in St. Lawrence County .