

= Virginia State Route 37 =

State Route 37 (SR 37) is a primary state highway in the U.S. state of Virginia . It forms a western bypass of Winchester , connecting to Interstate 81 at both ends . Although the road is a freeway , neither I @-@ 81 connection is freeway standard ; the south end (exit 310) is a diamond interchange with two traffic signals , while , at the north end , drivers must use a short piece of U.S. Route 11 to connect with I @-@ 81 at exit 317 . In addition to local access , the highway connects to U.S. Route 50 and U.S. Route 522 , two major highways that lead west and northwest into West Virginia and north to Interstate 70 at Hancock , Maryland . An eastern bypass , known locally as " Route 37 East " , has been proposed in statewide and local plans to complete the loop .

= = Route description = =

Route 37 begins at an intersection with Hillendale Road (SR 847) , a local frontage road along the east side of I @-@ 81 , and Tasker Road (SR 642) , which leads southeast to US 522 near Armel . It immediately crosses I @-@ 81 at exit 310 , a diamond interchange with two traffic signals on SR 37 , and then becomes a freeway , soon junctioning US 11 (Valley Pike) with a partial cloverleaf . The next interchange is a diamond at Cedar Creek Grade (SR 622) , and SR 37 reaches its approximate midpoint at US 50 (Northwestern Pike) , another diamond . A trumpet interchange completed in 2001 connects to the Winchester Medical Center , and the final diamond is with US 522 (Frederick Pike) at the northwestern corner . SR 37 ends at a partial Y interchange with US 11 (Martinsburg Pike) , at which SR 37 traffic can only access US 11 north and only traffic from US 11 south can access SR 37 , although a northbound exit to Cives Lane was added in about 2000 to allow SR 37 traffic to access US 11 south . About 1 / 2 mile (1 km) of US 11 is a divided highway , connecting SR 37 with I @-@ 81 at exit 317 .

= = Future = =

In early Fall 2014 VDOT will start work at Route 37 's southern terminus ' exit at I @-@ 81 . They will extend Route 37 north to a new diamond interchange with Front Royal Pike (US 522) . Then Route 37 will continue northward to Millwood Pike (US 50 / US 17) and have another diamond interchange . The next exit will be at Senseny Road (State Route 657) with another diamond interchange . The next and final exit will be a half cloverleaf interchange with VA 7 , but it is not final that it will be a half cloverleaf because of Valley Mill Road (State Route 659) . The problem with this is that the intersection with Valley Mill Road is where the southbound exit for Route 37 is to come into Route 7 .

= = History = =

Route 37 was defined as the proposed Winchester By @-@ Pass by 1963 , and was included in the statewide Arterial Network when it was created in 1964 . When I @-@ 81 opened past Winchester in November 1965 , it included an interchange south of Winchester , taking traffic between I @-@ 81 and US 11 along a short connecting road . The north half of the bypass , from US 50 west of Winchester north and east to US 11 north of the city , opened in the late 1960s , and the semicircle was completed in the late 1970s , with the linking of Route 37 to the existing I @-@ 81 / US 11 connection . A new bridge carrying southbound SR 37 over I @-@ 81 was built , but otherwise the diamond interchange was not modified . The only change to the major bypass since it was constructed has been a new trumpet interchange serving the Winchester Medical Center ; construction began in September 2000 and was completed in November 2001 . A single ramp from SR 37 north to Cives Lane , allowing traffic at the north end of the bypass to access US 11 south , was built in about 2000 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Frederick County .