

= Maryland Route 743 =

Maryland Route 743 (MD 743) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . The state highway runs 1 @. @ 00 mile (1 @. @ 61 km) from MD 36 in Frostburg east to U.S. Route 40 Alternate (US 40 Alternate) in Eckhart Mines . MD 743 is the original alignment of US 40 through Eckhart Mines . The state highway was designated when US 40 bypassed Eckhart Mines around 1950 .

= = Route description = =

MD 743 begins at an intersection with MD 36 (New Georges Creek Road) in Frostburg just south of MD 36 's southern intersection with US 40 Alternate . The state highway heads east into the unincorporated village of Eckhart Mines as a winding two @-@ lane road . After intersecting MD 638 (Parkersburg Road) at an acute angle , MD 743 reaches its eastern terminus at US 40 Alternate (National Pike) .

= = History = =

MD 743 is the original alignment of US 40 and , before that , the National Road through Eckhart Mines . The highway was one of the original state roads scheduled for improvement by the Maryland State Roads Commission in 1909 . The state road was paved through the village in 1911 . MD 743 was designated through Eckhart Mines shortly after the US 40 (now US 40 Alternate) bypass of the village was completed in 1950 . MD 743 originally extended west to US 40 , meeting the highway on a tangent in front of Beall High School at the city limit of Frostburg . The western end of the state highway was truncated when MD 36 was moved to its present alignment between Midland and Frostburg in 1972 .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Allegany County .