

= Ohio State Route 607 =

State Route 607 ( SR 607 ) is a north ? south highway near McConnellsville , Ohio . The route starts at SR 60 and travels north to its terminus at SR 78 , all located inside Morgan County . SR 607 was designated in 2011 , after Monastery Road was transferred from township @-@ maintenance to state @-@ maintenance . The road was then repaved and realigned in 2012 , and became signed on July 25 , 2013 . The route opened to the public on the next day .

= = Route description = =

All of SR 607 is located in central Morgan County , Ohio . The state route starts at the intersection of SR 60 near McConnellsville . SR 607 travels north for the majority of the length . SR 607 passes near an Ohio Department of Transportation ( ODOT ) county garage near the beginning of the road . Halfway through the route , SR 607 meets Township Road 696 in a T @-@ intersection , where the route moves slightly westward . After that , there is an Ohio Army National Guard training site at Hawk Drive . The route keeps moving north until it ends at SR 78 at another T @-@ intersection . The route goes through mostly forests and small hills . In 2012 , ODOT calculated 1 @, @ 975 vehicles traveling south of McGovern Lane . This is expressed in terms of annual average daily traffic ( AADT ) , a measure of traffic volume for any average day of the year . No part of SR 607 is included within the National Highway System , a system of routes deemed most important for the economy , defense and mobility of the country .

= = History = =

Planning of Monastery Road ( Township Road 209 ) improvements began in 2003 . At that time , \$ 3 @. @ 8 million in state funding was set aside for the project , but the Ohio Department of Transportation ( ODOT ) did not receive the money until 2005 . By 2007 , most of the earmarked money was spent on preliminary engineering and planning . Without the money , Morgan Township officials could not afford to upgrade the road , and ODOT was barred from spending money on local roads . In 2011 , deputy director Steve Williams devised a new plan that made the township road a state route , and Morgan Township officials transferred the road to ODOT .

Monastery Road was closed 0 @. @ 7 mi ( 1 @. @ 1 km ) north of SR 60 , and 0 @. @ 4 mi ( 0 @. @ 64 km ) south of SR 78 in April 2012 , for nine months . The road was realigned and resurfaced , and it cost around \$ 1 @. @ 5 million . The road was also widened at the northern terminus with SR 78 , and the southern terminus with SR 60 . On July 25 , 2013 , ODOT erected state route signs on the road . The next day , Williams announced the upgrade of Monastery Road to State Route 607 and reopened the road .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Morgan Township , Morgan County .