

= Delaware Route 1A =

Delaware Route 1A ( DE 1A ) is a state highway in Sussex County , Delaware . The route runs 2 @. @ 92 mi ( 4 @. @ 70 km ) from DE 1 in Dewey Beach to another intersection with DE 1 west of Rehoboth Beach . The route provides access to Rehoboth Beach from DE 1 , heading north before turning to the west . DE 1A follows King Charles Avenue , Bayard Avenue , 2nd Street ( southbound ) , Christian Street ( northbound ) , and Rehoboth Avenue .

What is now DE 1A was originally a part of DE 14 between 1936 and 1942 . The road was designated DE 14A by 1966 . In the 1970s , DE 1A was designated along DE 14A for a few years before DE 14A was decommissioned in favor of DE 1A . Between 2002 and 2006 , a streetscape project revitalized the Rehoboth Avenue portion of the route and a roundabout was added at the entrance to Rehoboth Beach .

= = Route description = =

DE 1A begins at an intersection with DE 1 in Dewey Beach , heading north on two @-@ lane undivided King Charles Avenue . The road passes through residential areas before it curves northwest and runs to the south of Silver Lake . The route bends north and crosses the lake , where it enters Rehoboth Beach . Here , the name changes to Bayard Avenue and it becomes a divided highway . DE 1A becomes undivided again and comes to an intersection with Christian Street . At this point , northbound DE 1A turns northwest onto Christian Street to reach Rehoboth Avenue while southbound DE 1A follows 2nd Street north to Rehoboth Avenue .

The highway heads west along four @-@ lane divided Rehoboth Avenue and passes businesses . The road intersects DE 1B before it comes to a roundabout at Grove Street / Columbia Avenue . Following this , the route narrows into a two @-@ lane undivided road and crosses the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal on a drawbridge , leaving Rehoboth Beach . DE 1A continues west past homes and businesses and ends at another intersection with DE 1 .

DE 1A has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 21 @, @ 215 vehicles just west of Rehoboth Beach to a low of 3 @, @ 076 vehicles on the service road at the northern terminus at DE 1 . None of DE 1A is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

What is now DE 1A was originally designated as part of DE 14 by 1936 . By 1942 , DE 14 was realigned to bypass Rehoboth Beach to the southwest . DE 14A was designated onto the former alignment of DE 14 through Rehoboth Beach by 1966 . By 1974 , DE 14A became concurrent with DE 1A . The DE 14A designation was dropped in 1977 and the road was solely designated DE 1A .

In October 2002 , work began on a streetscape project to revitalize Rehoboth Avenue . The project provided new sidewalks and plants and placed utility lines underground . A roundabout opened at Grove Street and Columbia Avenue in May 2004 . The roundabout features a replica of the Cape Henlopen Light and serves as a gateway to Rehoboth Beach . When the roundabout first opened , there were issues of drivers not yielding properly . As a result , improved yield signage was installed . The streetscape project was completed in June 2006 , with a ribbon cutting held . The project cost \$ 36 million ; DelDOT paid \$ 16 @. @ 3 million , the city of Rehoboth Beach provided \$ 10 million , and the Federal Highway Administration provided \$ 7 @. @ 75 million . U.S. Senators Tom Carper and Joe Biden helped secure federal funds for the project .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .