

= Delaware Route 896 =

Delaware Route 896 (DE 896) is a state highway located in New Castle County , Delaware . The route runs from U.S. Route 13 (US 13) in Boyds Corner , Delaware north to the Maryland border northwest of Newark , where it becomes the unsigned Maryland Route 896 (MD 896) briefly before heading into Pennsylvania as Pennsylvania Route 896 (PA 896) . The route heads west from US 13 before turning north along with US 301 / DE 71 in Mount Pleasant , crossing the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal on the Summit Bridge . After the bridge , DE 71 splits off to the east and the road continues to Glasgow , where US 301 ends at an intersection with US 40 . DE 896 continues north and interchange with Interstate 95 (I @-@ 95) before reaching Newark , where it bypasses the University of Delaware to the west by following DE 4 , Elkton Road , and South Main Street . DE 896 comes to downtown Newark and continues northwest to the Maryland border . DE 896 has a business route , DE 896 Business (DE 896 Bus .) , that passes through Glasgow , and had an alternate alignment south of Glasgow called DE 896 Alternate (DE 896 Alt .) .

DE 896 was originally built as a state highway during the 1920s and 1930s . By 1938 , the route was designated between DE 71 in Summit Bridge and the Maryland border northwest of Newark . In the 1950s , the route was extended to US 13 south of Townsend , following DE 71 to Middletown and replacing a part of that route south of there . Between the 1950s and 1990s , various alignments of US 301 , US 301N , and US 301S followed DE 896 . In the 1980s , DE 896 was realigned to head from Mt . Pleasant to US 13 in Boyds Corner , with DE 71 later being extended down the former route past Middletown . Also around this time , DE 896 was rerouted to bypass the University of Delaware to the west . A bypass of Glasgow was completed in the 1990s .

= = Route description = =

DE 896 begins at an intersection with US 13 in Boyds Corner , heading west on two @-@ lane undivided Boyds Corner Road . East of US 13 , the road becomes unnumbered Pole Bridge Road and reaches an interchange with the DE 1 toll road . From the southern terminus , DE 896 passes through agricultural areas with some residential subdivisions and woods . The road crosses over Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line and comes to an intersection with US 301 / DE 71 in Mount Pleasant .

Here , DE 896 turns north to form a concurrency with US 301 / DE 71 on Summit Bridge Road , a four @-@ lane divided highway . The road heads between the Summit Airport to the west and housing developments to the east . US 301 / DE 71 / DE 896 heads to the northwest through farm fields before turning to the west and passing a residential subdivision to the south . In the unincorporated community of Summit Bridge , the road intersects the northern terminus of DE 15 . Past this intersection , US 301 / DE 71 / DE 896 turns north and crosses over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal on the Summit Bridge .

Past the Summit Bridge , the road runs through woods and crosses under Chesapeake City Road near the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery . DE 71 splits from US 301 / DE 896 by turning to the southeast on Red Lion Road . US 301 / DE 896 continues north through residential neighborhoods and fields and passes to the west of Lums Pond State Park . The road reaches Glasgow , where it curves northeast to bypass the community to the east with DE 896 Bus. heading north into Glasgow . US 301 / DE 896 heads to the east of Hodgson Vo @-@ Tech High School and curves northwest to intersect US 40 , where US 301 comes to its northern terminus .

Following this intersection , DE 896 continues northwest as South College Avenue , coming to a southbound ramp that provides access to DE 896 Bus. at the north end of Glasgow . The road passes through industrial and business areas with a few homes , heading to the west of Glasgow High School before intersecting Old Baltimore Pike . The route heads through wooded areas to the east of Iron Hill Park before reaching a modified cloverleaf interchange with I @-@ 95 (Delaware Turnpike) . Past this interchange , DE 896 enters Newark and runs northwest past businesses , curving north and coming to an intersection with DE 4 .

At this point , DE 896 turns west to join DE 4 on the four @-@ lane divided Christiana Parkway ,

passing to the south of the University of Delaware 's Science , Technology , and Advanced Research campus . The road narrows into a three @-@ lane undivided road with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane , curving to the northwest and coming to a bridge over Amtrak 's Northeast Corridor railroad line . Christiana Parkway comes to an intersection with the eastern terminus of DE 279 , where DE 4 ends and DE 896 continues northeast on Elkton Road . DE 896 becomes a four @-@ lane divided highway that heads into residential areas . The road changes names to South Main Street and becomes undivided as it passes businesses before reaching downtown Newark .

Here , DE 896 intersects DE 273 , with the road splitting into a one @-@ way pair . Northbound DE 896 becomes concurrent with eastbound DE 273 on West Delaware Avenue , heading to the east , while southbound DE 896 remains along South Main Street , also concurrent with eastbound DE 273 . The one @-@ way pair carries two lanes in each direction . Northbound DE 896 soon turns north onto two @-@ way South College Avenue , which carries two northbound lanes and one southbound lane as it passes through the University of Delaware campus . The northbound direction of the route turns west (along westbound DE 273 on West Main Street) , reaching the end of South Main Street , which it left earlier due to one @-@ way streets . Here , northbound DE 896 continues northwest onto one @-@ way New London Road , carrying one lane , while southbound DE 896 follows DE 273 on two @-@ way , two @-@ lane West Main Street .

Soon after , both directions of the route crosses CSX 's Philadelphia Subdivision railroad line as it leaves the downtown area and enters residential neighborhoods . New London Road becomes two @-@ way carrying both directions of DE 896 , with southbound DE 896 running southwest on two @-@ way North Hillside Road to get to DE 273 and continue east . The two @-@ lane undivided DE 896 heads northwest between the Newark Country Club to the west and the University of Delaware to the east before running through wooded areas of residential development . The route becomes undivided again as it leaves Newark and passes to the west of White Clay Creek State Park . DE 896 continues to its northern terminus at the Maryland border , where the road briefly traverses the northeast corner of that state as MD 896 before heading north into Pennsylvania as PA 896 .

DE 896 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 48 @,@ 750 vehicles at the I @-@ 95 interchange to a low of 4 @,@ 605 vehicles at the intersection between New London Road and North Hillside Road . The portion of DE 896 south of DE 273 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

What is now DE 896 originally existed as a county road by 1920 , with the portion between Boyds Corner and Mt . Pleasant proposed as a state highway at that time . Four years later , the state highway between Boyds Corner and Mt . Pleasant was completed while the rest of the route was paved . A year later , the road was upgraded to a state highway between Mt . Pleasant and Summit Bridge . In 1936 , the road became a state highway between Summit Bridge and Glasgow ; at this time none of present @-@ day DE 896 was assigned a route number . On December 21 , 1936 , the grade crossing with the Pennsylvania Railroad (now Amtrak 's Northeast Corridor) along College Avenue in Newark was replaced with a bridge over the tracks . In 1938 , the state highway between Glasgow and Newark was built on a new alignment , bypassing a narrow winding alignment that ran further to the east along what is now Old Cooch 's Bridge Road . This road was built to give Newark a better road connection to places further south .

DE 896 was designated by 1938 to run from DE 71 in Summit Bridge north to the Maryland border northwest of Newark , passing through Newark on College Avenue and New London Road . At the state line , the road briefly became MD 278 before becoming PA 896 in Pennsylvania . MD 278 became MD 896 in 1942 to match DE 896 and PA 896 .

DE 896 was extended south to US 13 south of Townsend by 1957 , following DE 71 between Summit Bridge and Middletown and replacing DE 71 between Middletown and US 13 . Two years later , US 301S was designated along DE 71 / DE 896 between Summit Bridge and Middletown .

The route was realigned to a new Summit Bridge a short distance to the west in 1960 , with a part of the former DE 896 north of the bridge becoming a part of a realigned US 301S / DE 71 . The US 301S designation along DE 71 / DE 896 between Middletown and Summit Bridge became US 301 in 1971 , with US 301N being designated along DE 896 between Summit Bridge and US 40 in Glasgow .

By 1984 , DE 896 was realigned to run from Mt . Pleasant to US 13 in Boyds Corner along its current alignment . The former alignment south of Middletown became unnumbered at the time but would become part of DE 71 again by 1990 . The Christiana Parkway around the southern edge of Newark was completed in September 1983 . A year later , US 301 was rerouted to follow DE 896 between Mt . Pleasant and Boyds Corner , with US 301N being removed from the route between Summit Bridge and Glasgow and US 301 removed from the route between route between Mt . Pleasant and Summit Bridge . In 1988 , DE 896 was routed to bypass the University of Delaware campus by heading west along the Christiana Parkway with DE 4 and then northeast on DE 2 before continuing along New London Road . By 1990 , DE 2 was routed to follow DE 4 and DE 896 on the Christiana Parkway and DE 2 Bus. was designated along with DE 896 on Elkton Road .

In 1992 , US 301 was realigned to follow DE 896 between Mt . Pleasant and Glasgow . By 1996 , DE 896 was rerouted to bypass Glasgow to the east , with the former alignment becoming DE 896 Bus . In 2012 , the Newark city council voted in favor of renaming the portion of Elkton Road carrying DE 2 Bus . / DE 896 between West Park Place and West Main Street to South Main Street in order to promote businesses along this stretch of road . The change went into effect January 1 , 2013 . In 2013 , the DE 2 and DE 2 Bus. concurrencies were removed from DE 896 in order to simplify the route designations through Newark .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in New Castle County .

= = Bannered routes = =

= = = DE 896 Business = = =

Delaware Route 896 Business (DE 896 Bus .) is a 1 @. @ 78 @- @ mile (2 @. @ 86 km) long business route of DE 896 that passes through Glasgow . The route begins at an intersection with US 301 / DE 896 south of Glasgow , heading north on two @- @ lane undivided Glasgow Avenue into residential areas . The road runs immediately to the west of US 301 / DE 896 before that road curves to the northeast . The business route passes to the west of Hodgson Vo @- @ Tech High School before it heads into commercial areas and intersects US 40 . Past this , DE 896 Bus. heads into rural areas of homes and comes to a dead end at which point there is a ramp from southbound DE 896 to DE 896 Bus . It uses the old alignment of DE 896 , and was created by 1996 following the completion of the current DE 896 bypass to the east of town .

Major intersections

The entire route is in Glasgow , New Castle County .

= = = Former DE 896 Alternate = = =

Delaware Route 896 Alternate (DE 896 Alt .) was an alternate route of DE 896 from near its southern terminus in Boyds Corner north to Glasgow . The route headed north from Boyds Corner concurrent with US 13 on the four @- @ lane divided Dupont Parkway , passing through rural areas with some development . In Biddles Corner , the alternate route split from US 13 and headed north along DE 1 , a four @- @ lane freeway that crosses the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal on the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Bridge . DE 896 Alt. followed DE 1 to the interchange with DE 72 , where it continued west along with DE 72 on two @- @ lane undivided Wrangle Hill Road . The road

headed through suburban areas and intersected DE 71 , curving northwest and north before reaching an intersection with US 40 . At this point , the alternate route headed west concurrent with US 40 on the four @-@ lane divided Pulaski Highway , passing through developed areas to the south of Glasgow Park . DE 896 Alt. ended at an intersection with US 301 / DE 896 on the eastern edge of Glasgow . While this route was primarily signed during the reconstruction of Summit Bridge , many signs along its path remain as of April 2016 .

Major intersections

The entire route was in New Castle County .