

= Maryland Route 222 =

Maryland Route 222 ( MD 222 ) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . The state highway runs 11 @. @ 36 miles ( 18 @. @ 28 km ) from MD 7 in Perryville north to U.S. Route 1 ( US 1 ) near Conowingo . MD 222 parallels the Susquehanna River in western Cecil County , connecting Perryville and Conowingo with Port Deposit . Due to limitations in the highway in Port Deposit , including a steep hill and a low railroad bridge , the state highway has a truck bypass that uses MD 275 , MD 276 , and US 1 through Woodlawn and Rising Sun to connect Interstate 95 ( I @-@ 95 ) with US 222 in Conowingo .

MD 222 was originally constructed as MD 268 , a number presently assigned to North Street in Elkton . The state highway was paved from Perryville to Port Deposit in the late 1910s and early 1920s . MD 268 was extended north to Conowingo in the early 1930s . In 1938 , MD 268 was superseded when US 222 was extended south from US 1 in Conowingo to US 40 in Perryville . The only significant change as US 222 occurred when a new alignment was constructed around the interchange with I @-@ 95 in the early 1960s . MD 222 was designated in 1995 when US 222 was rolled back to its former and present terminus at US 1 in Conowingo .

= = Route description = =

MD 222 begins at an intersection with MD 7 ( Broad Street ) in downtown Perryville . The state highway heads north as two @-@ lane Aiken Avenue to US 40 ( Pulaski Highway ) immediately to the east of the toll plaza for the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge . The disconnected old alignment continues straight as Aiken Avenue Extended while MD 222 heads northeast as Perryville Road to cross over CSX 's Philadelphia Subdivision . The state highway curves north and receives the other end of the old alignment , Clayton Street , before leaving the town of Perryville and passing Perryville High School . MD 222 intersects the southern end of MD 824 ( Blythedale Road ) and the entrance to the Perryville Outlet Center before meeting I @-@ 95 ( John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway ) at a folded diamond interchange . The state highway passes the entrance to Hollywood Casino Perryville before reaching an intersection with the northern end of MD 824 and MD 275 ( Perrylawn Drive ) . MD 222 Truck follows MD 275 north toward Rising Sun , while MD 222 turns west onto Bainbridge Road toward Port Deposit .

MD 222 heads through a mix of forest and farmland , crossing Happy Valley Branch before passing the entrance to the former United States Naval Training Center , Bainbridge , which contains the Edward W. Haviland House and the original campus of the Tome School . The state highway then begins a steep descent from a high bluff to the Susquehanna River , with the southbound direction gaining a climbing lane . Upon entering the town limits of Port Deposit , MD 222 's name changes to Main Street and the highway makes a sharp turn to the north to parallel the river and Norfolk Southern Railway 's Port Road Branch The state highway intersects MD 276 ( Centre Street ) in the center of Port Deposit . MD 222 passes the Paw Paw Building and intersects Granite Avenue before crossing Rock Run and passing under a low railroad bridge to the west side of the tracks . The state highway leaves the town of Port Deposit and continues north as Susquehanna River Road , closely paralleling the river and passing through its forested flood plain , much of which is part of Susquehanna State Park . Soon after crossing Octoraro Creek , MD 222 reaches its northern terminus at an intersection with US 1 ( Conowingo Road ) at the eastern end of Conowingo Dam . Following US 1 northeast to the community of Conowingo leads to the southern terminus of US 222 and the northern terminus of MD 222 Truck .

MD 222 is a part of the National Highway System as a principal arterial from US 40 north to MD 275 within Perryville .

= = History = =

What is now MD 222 was originally designated MD 268 . The first paved section of MD 268 was Aiken Avenue from Broad Street north to around present @-@ day US 40 in Perryville , which was

surfaced by 1910 . Aiken Avenue was extended north to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ( now CSX ) as a state @-@ aid road by 1919 . The highway was extended as a state road north from the B & O crossing to the top of the bluff above Port Deposit by 1921 . Pavement was extended through Port Deposit to Rock Run in 1923 . The final section of MD 268 , Susquehanna River Road , was under construction by 1930 and completed by 1933 . The highway reused an abandoned railroad bridge to cross Octoraro Creek .

The first change in alignment in MD 268 occurred around 1934 when a bridge was constructed over the B & O Railroad in Perryville , leaving behind Aiken Avenue Extended and Clayton Street . US 222 was extended south to US 40 in Perryville , then on Broad Street , in 1938 , assuming all of MD 268 . US 222 was reconstructed from US 40 to Port Deposit during World War II to improve access to the naval training center . In 1963 , a new alignment was created for the interchange with I @-@ 95 , bypassing Blythedale Road , which became MD 824 . US 222 's southern terminus was rolled back to US 1 in Conowingo in 1995 ; MD 222 was designated along its present course at the same time . MD 222 became the only signed state @-@ numbered highway in Maryland with a number that matches a U.S. Highway .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Cecil County .

= = Related routes = =

= = = Truck route = = =

Maryland Route 222 Truck is a signed 12 @. @ 49 @-@ mile ( 20 @. @ 10 km ) truck bypass of MD 222 from MD 222 in Perryville to US 1 and US 222 in Conowingo . The signed route follows MD 275 from MD 222 in Perryville north to MD 276 in Woodlawn . MD 222 Truck continues north on MD 276 from Woodlawn north to US 1 west of Rising Sun . The truck route then heads west on US 1 ( in a wrong @-@ way concurrency ) to US 222 's southern terminus in Conowingo . MD 222 Truck has existed since at least 2002 .

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= = = Auxiliary routes = = =

MD 222 has three auxiliary routes that are maintained by the Maryland Transportation Authority ( MDTA ) and provide access to the authority 's facilities around I @-@ 95 's interchange with MD 222 and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway toll plaza to the east of the Millard E. Tydings Memorial Bridge .

MD 222A is the designation for Chesapeake Overlook Parkway , a 0 @. @ 09 @-@ mile ( 0 @. @ 14 km ) spur west from the intersection of MD 222 and the ramps to and from southbound I @-@ 95 . This spur intersects MD 222B near its western end and serves as the entrance to Hollywood Casino Perryville .

MD 222B is the designation for Turnpike Drive , a 0 @. @ 89 @-@ mile ( 1 @. @ 43 km ) service road that heads south from MD 222A and veers west to parallel the southbound lanes of I @-@ 95 . The state highway provides access to the MDTA administration building , the Perryville barracks of the Maryland State Police , and the adjacent truck weigh station on southbound I @-@ 95 .

MD 222C is the designation for G.R. Dawson Drive , a 0 @. @ 48 @-@ mile ( 0 @. @ 77 km ) service road that heads west from MD 222 and parallels the northbound lanes of I @-@ 95 . The state highway provides access to a truck weigh station on northbound I @-@ 95 .