

= Delaware Route 404 =

Delaware Route 404 (DE 404) is a major state highway in Sussex County , Delaware that spans the width of the state . DE 404 's western terminus is at the Maryland border northwest of Bridgeville , where it continues as Maryland Route 404 (MD 404) , and its eastern terminus is at the Five Points intersection with U.S. Route 9 (US 9) , DE 1 , and US 9 Business (US 9 Bus .) . The route passes through rural areas as well as the towns of Bridgeville and Georgetown . DE 404 runs concurrent with DE 18 from east of Bridgeville to Georgetown and with US 9 from Georgetown to Five Points . DE 404 has a business route , DE 404 Bus . , that passes through Bridgeville and a truck route , DE 404 Truck , that bypasses Georgetown . DE 404 , along with MD 404 , serves as a major route connecting the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Baltimore @-@ Washington Metropolitan Area with the Delaware Beaches .

DE 404 was first designated by 1936 to run from the Maryland border to DE 18 southeast of Bridgeville . The route was extended to Five Points by 1987 . By 1999 , DE 404 was aligned to bypass Bridgeville , with DE 404 Bus. designated on the former route through the town . The new alignment of DE 404 around Bridgeville replaced DE 404 Alternate (DE 404 Alt .)

= = Route description = =

DE 404 begins at the Maryland border , where it continues northwest into that state as MD 404 . From the state line , the route heads southeast on two @-@ lane undivided Seashore Highway , passing through a mix of farmland and woodland with some homes . In the community of Scotts Corner , the road intersects the western terminus of DE 36 . DE 404 continues through more rural areas and turns northeast onto Newton Road , with DE 404 Bus. continuing southeast along Seashore Highway toward Bridgeville . From here , DE 404 heads through agricultural areas to the north of Bridgeville , curving east and crossing Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line .

The route comes to an intersection with US 13 and turns south to form a concurrency with that route on Sussex Highway , a four @-@ lane divided highway . A short distance later , US 13 Bus. splits off to the southwest to head into Bridgeville . The road continues through farmland with some businesses to the east of Bridgeville . Upon reaching an intersection with US 13 Bus . / DE 404 Bus . , DE 404 splits from US 13 by heading southeast onto four @-@ lane divided Seashore Highway . The road passes a few businesses before becoming two lanes and undivided as it continues through agricultural areas , coming to an intersection with DE 18 .

At this point , DE 18 heads east concurrent with DE 404 along Seashore Highway through a mix of farmland and woodland with some residences , passing through tracts of the Redden State Forest . Farther east , DE 18 / DE 404 heads into Georgetown , running to the north of Delaware Technical Community College 's Jack F. Owens Campus . The road intersects US 113 and the western terminus of DE 404 Truck in a commercial area and continues east . The two routes head southeast onto North Bedford Street , passing homes and businesses . The road comes to an intersection with US 9 at The Circle in the center of Georgetown , where the Sussex County Courthouse is located . Here , DE 18 reaches its eastern terminus .

At this point , DE 404 continues northeast concurrent with US 9 on East Market Street through the downtown area . The road crosses Norfolk Southern 's Indian River Secondary railroad line and runs through residential areas with a few businesses . US 9 / DE 404 heads east @-@ northeast out of Georgetown and becomes Lewes Georgetown Highway , passing through farmland and woodland with some development . The two routes intersect the eastern terminus of US 9 Truck / DE 404 Truck a short distance east of Georgetown . In Gravel Hill , the road intersects DE 30 . Following this intersection , US 9 / DE 404 passes through more rural land , reaching a junction with DE 5 in Harbeson . Past here , the two routes cross a Delaware Coast Line Railroad line . Farther east , residential development near the road begins to increase . Upon reaching the area of the Five Points intersection in Nassau , US 9 / DE 404 runs past homes and businesses , widening into a divided highway and coming to an intersection with DE 1D / DE 23 . DE 23 joins US 9 / DE 404 for a

concurrency on a four @-@ lane divided highway before the road comes to a junction with DE 1 . Here , DE 23 / DE 404 ends , US 9 Bus. continues northeast , and US 9 heads east for a concurrency with DE 1 .

DE 404 serves as a major route connecting the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Baltimore @-@ Washington Metropolitan Area to the Delaware Beaches . The highest annual average daily traffic along DE 404 is 30 @,@ 773 vehicles along the US 13 concurrency with the lowest being 5 @,@ 777 vehicles at the western terminus of DE 404 Business . All of DE 404 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what would originally become DE 404 was an unimproved county road , with the section east of Bridgeville under contract as a state highway . The entire route of what would become DE 404 was completed as a state highway to a point northwest of Bridgeville by 1924 . By 1931 , the road was built as a state highway northwest to the Maryland border . DE 404 was designated to run from the Maryland border , where it connected to MD 404 , southeast to DE 18 southeast of Bridgeville by 1936 . The route followed its current alignment to Bridgeville , where it passed through the town on Market Street and South Main Street before picking up its current alignment east of US 13 . At this time , what is now DE 404 past its then @-@ eastern terminus was designated as part of DE 18 . By 1987 , DE 404 was extended east to DE 1 in Five Points , following DE 18 to Georgetown and US 9 (which had replaced a portion of DE 18) from Georgetown to Five Points . DE 404 Alt. was created to bypass Bridgeville to the north and east by 1990 , following Newton Road and US 13 . The alternate route became a part of mainline DE 404 by 1999 , with the former DE 404 through Bridgeville becoming DE 404 Bus .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .

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= = = DE 404 Business = = =

Delaware Route 404 Business (DE 404 Bus .) is a 3 @.@ 34 @-@ mile (5 @.@ 38 km) long business route of DE 404 that runs through the town of Bridgeville . The route begins at DE 404 northwest of Bridgeville , heading southeast on two @-@ lane undivided Seashore Highway through agricultural areas with some homes . DE 404 Bus. enters Bridgeville and heads through commercial areas , turning northeast onto Market Street and crossing Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line . The route passes several homes before intersecting US 13 Bus. and turning south to join that route on South Main Street . The two routes run through more residential areas before leaving Bridgeville and heading through farmland with some development . The road widens into a four @-@ lane divided highway and heads into a commercial area , intersecting US 13 and DE 404 . At this point US 13 Bus. and DE 404 Bus. both end , with the road continuing southeast as DE 404 . DE 404 Bus. was created in 1999 when DE 404 was rerouted to bypass Bridgeville on the alignment of DE 404 Alt .

Major intersections

The entire route is in Bridgeville , Sussex County .

= = = DE 404 Truck = = =

Delaware Route 404 Truck (DE 404 Truck) is a truck bypass of the section of DE 404 through Georgetown . The route begins at the intersection between US 113 and DE 18 / DE 404 , heading

south along with US 113 on four @-@ lane divided North Dupont Boulevard . The road passes through commercial areas with some farmland , reaching an intersection with US 9 . At this point , US 113 / DE 404 Truck becomes concurrent with US 9 Truck and the name changes to South Dupont Boulevard . The road heads southeast through woodland with some farm fields and businesses . US 9 Truck / DE 404 Truck split from US 113 by heading north @-@ northeast on two @-@ lane undivided South Bedford Street . The road passes commercial development before heading through farmland with some homes . The routes curve to the north @-@ northwest prior to heading north . US 9 Truck / DE 404 Truck turn east onto Park Avenue and pass through residential areas before crossing Norfolk Southern 's Indian River Secondary railroad line . The road runs through agricultural areas and passes to the south of Delaware Coastal Airport , where it makes a curve to the north . US 9 Truck / DE 404 Truck head through a mix of farmland and woodland with some homes to the east of the airport , crossing a Delaware Coast Line Railroad line before ending at US 9 / DE 404 east of Georgetown .

Major intersections

The entire route is in Georgetown , Sussex County .

= = = Former DE 404 Alternate = = =

Delaware Route 404 Alternate (DE 404 Alt .) was a 4 @. @ 65 @- @ mile (7 @. @ 48 km) alternate route of DE 404 that bypassed the town of Bridgeville . It ran to the north of Bridgeville on Newton Road and to the east of Bridgeville on US 13 . The route was created by 1990 . The alignment of DE 404 Alt. was replaced by DE 404 itself in 1999 . The route of DE 404 in Bridgeville then became known as DE 404 Bus .

Major intersections

The entire route was in Bridgeville , Sussex County .