

= Maryland Route 291 =

Maryland Route 291 ( MD 291 ) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . The state highway runs 18 @.@ 34 miles ( 29 @.@ 52 km ) from MD 20 in Chestertown east to the Delaware state line east of Millington , where the highway continues east as Delaware Route 6 ( DE 6 ) . MD 291 parallels the Chester River along the southern edge of Kent County , connecting Chestertown with U.S. Route 301 ( US 301 ) . The state highway follows much of what was originally MD 447 , which was constructed between US 213 in Chestertown and MD 290 at Chesterville around 1930 . MD 291 itself was built east of Millington around 1930 . The state highway was extended west toward Chesterville in the early 1930s , but was not complete to MD 290 until the late 1940s . MD 291 was extended west to US 213 along a partially new alignment in the early 1960s , superseding MD 447 . MD 291 reached its present western terminus at MD 20 in 1969 .

= = Route description = =

MD 291 begins at a roundabout with the eastern terminus of MD 20 ( Chestertown Road ) and High Street in the town of Chestertown . The state highway heads east as two @-@ lane Morgnec Road . After intersecting the Chestertown Branch of the Northern Line of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad , MD 291 passes along the northern edge of the campus of Washington College before intersecting MD 213 ( Washington Avenue ) and leaving Chestertown . The state highway crosses Morgan Creek on a steel truss bridge and passes through the hamlet of Morgnec , where Morgnec Road turns north and MD 291 continues east as River Road .

MD 291 crosses Goosehaven Creek and Norris Creek and intersects the eastern terminus of MD 298 ( Cherry Lane ) . The highway crosses Chesterville Branch before joining MD 290 ( Crumpton Road ) for a short concurrency south of Chesterville . East of MD 290 , MD 291 passes through a forested area and crosses Mill Branch before passing through two roundabouts with Edge Road and Howard Johnson Road , which are unsigned MD 701A and MD 701 , respectively . The two roads lead to interchange ramps to and from US 301 ( Blue Star Memorial Highway ) , over which MD 291 crosses between the roundabouts . MD 291 parallels the Chester River east to the town of Millington , where the highway 's name changes to Cypress Street . The state highway intersects MD 313 ( Sassafras Street ) and the Centreville Branch of the Northern Line of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad before leaving the town by crossing Cypress Branch . MD 291 continues east as Cypress Road to its eastern terminus at the Delaware state line . The highway continues east as DE 6 ( Millington Road ) toward Smyrna .

= = History = =

Much of what is now MD 291 was constructed as two different highways . MD 291 ran from MD 290 near Chesterville through Millington to the Delaware state line . MD 447 connected US 213 in Chestertown and MD 290 in Chesterville , much of which was on an alignment further north from the Chester River than modern MD 291 . MD 291 was constructed from Millington to the Delaware state line in 1929 and 1930 . The highway was extended west to Mills Branch just west of present day US 301 in two sections built in 1933 and 1935 . The gap from Mills Branch to MD 290 was filled around 1946 .

MD 447 was constructed from US 213 to just west of Morgnec as well as from Kennedyville Road to MD 290 in Chesterville in 1929 and 1930 . MD 447 was completed between Morgnec and Kennedyville Road by 1933 . The steel truss bridge over Morgan Creek , which replaced an old timber bridge on a more curvaceous alignment , was also completed in 1933 . River Road between Morgnec and MD 290 was reconstructed beginning in 1958 . MD 291 was extended west of MD 290 along River Road to Morgnec and assumed MD 447 west to Chestertown in 1963 . MD 447 between Morgnec and Chesterville was removed from the state highway system the same year . MD 291 was extended west to its present terminus at MD 20 along a new road within Chestertown in 1969 . MD 291 's interchange with US 301 , including MD 291 's bridge over US 301 and the roundabouts with

MD 701 and MD 701A , was constructed in 1999 . In 2014 , a roundabout was constructed at the western terminus at MD 20 .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Kent County .