

## = Maryland Route 55 =

Maryland Route 55 ( MD 55 ) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . Known as Vale Summit Road , the state highway runs 2 @.@ 53 miles ( 4 @.@ 07 km ) from MD 36 in Vale Summit north to U.S. Route 40 Alternate ( US 40 Alt . ) in Clarysville . MD 55 connects the La Vale area with Midland in the upper Georges Creek Valley in northwestern Allegany County . MD 55 was paved from Clarysville to Vale Summit around 1921 and extended south to Midland in the late 1930s . The state highway was truncated at Vale Summit when MD 36 took over part of the highway for a new alignment in the early 1970s .

## = = Route description = =

MD 55 begins at an intersection with MD 36 ( New Georges Creek Road ) in Vale Summit . The two @-@ lane highway descends from Vale Summit into the valley of Braddock Run on its way to Clarysville . The state highway starts by heading east through a residential area of Vale Summit . As MD 55 passes the Vale Summit United Methodist Church , which dates back to 1889 , the state highway curves to the north and passes by the residential settlements of Loartown and Montel . The state highway descends into Spruce Hollow and passes under Interstate 68 and US 40 ( National Freeway ) with no access before arriving in Clarysville . MD 55 intersects Clarysville Road , the original alignment of US 40 , and passes the site of the Clarysville Inn , a historic inn built in 1807 that was destroyed by a fire in 1999 , before reaching its northern terminus at US 40 Alt . ( National Pike ) in Clarysville .

## = = History = =

MD 55 was paved from Clarysville to Vale Summit by 1921 . The Vale Summit ? Midland segment of the highway was constructed around 1938 . When US 40 was relocated in Clarysville around 1950 , MD 55 was extended north a short distance to meet the new alignment . MD 55 itself was rebuilt and widened from Clarysville to Vale Summit in 1952 and from there to Midland in 1954 . As part of MD 36 's relocation between Midland and Frostburg , MD 36 took over the section of MD 55 between Midland and Vale Summit in 1972 , leaving MD 55 at its present length .

## = = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Allegany County .