

= Pennsylvania Route 737 =

Pennsylvania Route 737 (PA 737) is a state highway in Berks County , Pennsylvania . The route runs from U.S. Route 222 (US 222) in Kutztown north to PA 143 in Albany Township . PA 737 heads north from an interchange with the US 222 Kutztown Bypass north of Kutztown on Krumsville Road . It continues north through a small part of Maxatawny Township into Greenwich Township . The road features an interchange with Interstate 78 (I @-@ 78) / US 22 near the village of Krumsville . PA 737 then heads northwest into Albany Township where it ends at PA 143 near the village of Kempton .

PA 737 was assigned to a formerly un @-@ designated local road between Kutztown and Kempton in 1962 . Around that time , US 222 served as the southern terminus in downtown Kutztown . When the Kutztown Bypass was constructed in the 1970s , US 222 was realigned off of Main Street in Kutztown and onto the bypass . The road , at that point , ended at the now locally maintained Main Street until 1978 , when the designation was truncated . Since then , the route has remained on the same alignment . Two bridges along the route between Kutztown and Krumsville were replaced in 2011 . There are plans to reconstruct the interchange with I @-@ 78 / US 22 into a diamond interchange , shifting the route slightly to the east .

= = Route description = =

PA 737 begins at an interchange with the US 222 freeway on the northern edge of the borough of Kutztown in Berks County as a four @-@ lane divided highway . South of this interchange , the road continues as Greenwich Street into downtown Kutztown . From US 222 , the route heads north into Maxatawny Township and soon becomes two @-@ lane undivided Krumsville Road as it runs through forested areas to the east of Sacony Creek . The road winds northwest past a few homes before it enters Greenwich Township . PA 737 continues through forested land alongside the creek before it turns north away from the Sacony Creek and winds through a hilly mix of woods and farm fields with some homes . Farther north , the route heads northeast near a few homes and businesses before it comes to an interchange with I @-@ 78 / US 22 . Past this interchange , the road curves to the north and heads into the residential community of Krumsville , where it intersects Old Route 22 .

Past Krumsville , PA 737 becomes an unnamed road and enters agricultural areas with some trees and homes , curving to the northwest . The route turns to the north and enters Albany Township , where it runs through farmland and woodland . The road passes through forests before it curves northwest and reaches the residential community of Stony Run . PA 737 continues west through a mix of farm fields and woods before it turns to the north and comes to the community of Kempton . Here , the route passes homes prior to turning west and crossing the Wanamaker , Kempton and Southern Railroad . PA 737 passes to the south of a mill and continues past rural residences before it reaches its northern terminus at an intersection with PA 143 .

= = History = =

PA 737 originated as an unnumbered arterial highway from US 222 (Main Street) in downtown Kutztown to PA 143 at an intersection in Kempton . The state took over the alignment in 1962 , designating the highway as PA 737 , which ran north on Greenwich Street out of Kutztown before following its present alignment to Kempton . In 1971 , the newly formed Pennsylvania Department of Transportation began construction on the Kutztown Bypass , a freeway alignment of US 222 that was planned to bypass downtown Kutztown . The bypass was constructed in September 1972 and US 222 was realigned onto the new highway in 1973 . After the realignment , PA 737 now ended at unnumbered Main Street in downtown Kutztown for a short time . By 1978 , the southern terminus of PA 737 was moved to the interchange with the US 222 freeway to the north of Kutztown . The route has remained on the same alignment since .

In 2009 , Berks County began to work on design for a new " Accelerated Bridge Program " for

several bridges , one on PA 737 and two on nearby Quadrant Routes . The bridges are set to use stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) , which will cost the county about \$ 180 @, @ 000 (2009 USD) for the studies . In January 2011 , work began on replacing the bridge over Mill Creek between Kutz Mill Road and Eagle Point Road , with completion slated for August of that year . Another bridge over Mill Creek between Kohlers Hill Road and Wessner Road closed on July 11 , 2011 for replacement . The replacement of this bridge , which cost over \$ 963 thousand and was funded by the state , was completed on December 9 , 2011 , six months ahead of schedule . There are plans to reconfigure PA 737 at its interchange with I @-@ 78 / US 22 . This project will replace the current interchange with a new diamond interchange and will shift PA 737 to the east , with a roundabout at the ramps serving the eastbound lanes of I @-@ 78 / US 22 and Zettlemoyer Road .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Berks County .