

= Maryland Route 285 =

Maryland Route 285 (MD 285) is a state highway in the U.S. state of Maryland . The state highway runs 2 @.@ 43 miles (3 @.@ 91 km) from MD 213 east to the Delaware state line within Chesapeake City . MD 285 roughly parallels the north side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in southern Cecil County . The state highway was paved along Biddle Street from Lock Street , then part of U.S. Route 213 (now MD 213) , east to the state line around 1930 . When US 213 was moved to the Chesapeake City Bridge in the late 1940s , MD 285 was extended along Lock Street to reconnect with US 213 .

= = Route description = =

MD 285 begins at an intersection with MD 213 (Augustine Herman Highway) just north of the Chesapeake City Bridge . The state highway , which heads east as two @-@ lane Lock Street , curves to the south at the intersection with county @-@ maintained Hemphill Street . At the intersection with MD 284 (Hemphill Street) , MD 285 curves to the southwest , following Lock Street into the town of Chesapeake City to its intersection with Biddle Street . MD 285 turns east onto Biddle Street while a stub of Lock Street continues south to the edge of the canal as unsigned MD 537B . The state highway passes through a residential section of the north side of the town , meeting the other end of MD 284 . MD 285 runs through an S @-@ curve before leaving the town limits . The state highway passes through a mix of farmland and scattered residences as it parallels the north side of the canal . At Knights Corner Road , MD 285 curves northeast away from the canal to its eastern terminus at the Delaware state line . The roadway continues east as Chesapeake City Road , which heads to an intersection with Delaware Route 71 (DE 71) .

= = History = =

MD 285 was constructed in three sections . The portion of Lock Street between county @-@ maintained Hemphill Street and the northern junction with MD 284 was part of the original Cecilton ? Elkton highway passing through Chesapeake City that was designated for improvement by the Maryland State Roads Commission in 1909 . This segment of state road was paved in 1914 . Following the expansion and straightening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in the 1920s , the portion of Lock Street from the northern junction with MD 284 to Biddle Street was constructed as the approach to a vertical lift bridge constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers , connecting Lock Street on the north side with George Street on the south side of the town in 1926 . This new alignment became part of US 213 when the federal highway was marked through southern Cecil County around 1927 .

Biddle Street was paved from US 213 to the Delaware state line and designated MD 285 around 1930 . The vertical lift bridge used by US 213 to cross the canal was destroyed by the tanker Franz Klasen on July 28 , 1942 . A ferry was established to carry traffic across the canal until the completion of a new bridge . The Chesapeake City Bridge was completed in 1948 along with new approach roads ; US 213 was moved to the new bridge and approach roads and MD 285 was extended north on Lock Street to its present western terminus at US 213 .

= = Junction list = =

The entire route is in Cecil County .