

= Delaware Route 17 =

Delaware Route 17 (DE 17) is a two @-@ lane undivided state highway located in Sussex County , Delaware . The route runs in a northeast @-@ southwest direction between DE 54 in Selbyville and DE 26 west of Millville , crossing DE 20 in Roxana . It is called Bethany Road within Selbyville and Roxana Road for the remainder of its length . The route passes through rural areas of southeastern Sussex County . DE 17 serves to connect Selbyville with the Bethany Beach area . The route was built as a state highway in the 1920s and received the DE 17 designation by 1938 .

= = Route description = =

DE 17 begins at an intersection with DE 54 in the town of Selbyville , where it heads northeast on Bethany Road . The route is a two @-@ lane , undivided , asphalt road that runs through flat areas of the Atlantic coastal plain its entire length . From the southern terminus , the road passes several homes before leaving Selbyville . At this point , DE 17 enters a mix of farmland and woodland with some homes . Here , the name of road becomes Roxana Road . Upon reaching the community of Roxana , the roadway crosses DE 20 . After DE 20 , the road continues through rural areas . Following a turn to the north , the route comes to its terminus at an intersection with DE 26 to the west of Millville .

In 2011 , DE 17 had an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 4 @,@ 343 vehicles at the Daisey Road intersection to a low of 2 @,@ 608 vehicles at the DE 20 intersection . None of DE 17 is part of the National Highway System . The portion of DE 17 between Daisey Road and Peppers Corner Road serves as part of a hurricane evacuation route from the coastal community of South Bethany , providing an alternate to DE 26 to the north .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what is now DE 17 was under construction as an unnumbered paved state highway between Selbyville and Roxana , with a small section of paved state highway complete near Roxana . It was also designated as a state aid road , a road that was to receive funding from the state to be built as a state highway by the county , from Roxana north to Millville . All of the route had been completed as an unnumbered paved state highway by 1924 . DE 17 was designated by 1938 to run from DE 54 in Selbyville to DE 26 near Millville . The route has remained on the same alignment since .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .