

HISTORY OF MD ROUTE 355

Maryland Route 355 (MD 355) is a major north-south roadway in central Maryland, serving as a key local and regional corridor through Montgomery and Frederick counties. It runs roughly parallel to I-270 and connects a series of thriving urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Traveled by Native Americans, presidents, generals, gypsies and families seeking a new life in the west, "The Great Road," known today as Frederick Road or Route 355, provided a path for both the adventurer and the entrepreneur. As the main route northwest from Georgetown, the last port on the Potomac River, it was heavily traveled from the mid 18th century until it was replaced by Interstate 270 in the 1960s.

PRE-20TH CENTURY

Originally a Native American trail and later became a key road for colonial travel between Georgetown (D.C.) and Frederick.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, it evolved into the Georgetown-Frederick Turnpike, a toll road used for commerce and travel.



EARLY 20TH CENTURY

Became part of the original U.S. Route 240 when the federal highway system was created in 1926.

U.S. 240 was a main route from Washington, D.C. to Frederick, before the construction of I-270.

MID 20TH CENTURY

As traffic increased, the need for a limited-access highway grew.

The construction of Interstate 70S (now I-270) in the 1950s-60s diverted most long-distance traffic off U.S. 240.

As I-70S opened, U.S. 240 was gradually decommissioned, and the old alignment became Maryland Route 355.



POST-1950S

MD 355 officially replaced U.S. 240 in most places by the early 1970s.

It remained a local commercial and commuter road, paralleling I-270.

PRESENT DAY

MD 355 functions as a major arterial road connecting urban and suburban communities.

In Montgomery County, it's known by different names:

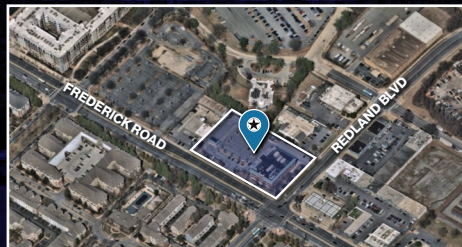
- Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda
- Rockville Pike in Rockville
- Frederick Road in Gaithersburg & Germantown
- In Frederick County, it's mostly called Urbana Pike.



CURRENT LISTINGS ALONG



9190 ROCKVILLE PIKE
High Profile Bethesda Office Building
Investor / User Opportunity



15901 FREDERICK ROAD
Prime Residential Redevelopment
Opportunity



5703 URBANA PIKE
Surface Parked Multifamily
Development Opportunity

CLOSED DEALS



622 HUNGERFORD DRIVE
\$8,222,400
Office redevelopment property
approved for
48 stacked townhomes



832 ROCKVILLE PIKE
\$3,850,000
6,000 SF retail building on
0.4 acres



808 HUNGERFORD DRIVE
\$3,000,000
8,960 SF fully leased
retail building



101 N FREDERICK AVE
\$1,200,000
7,865 SF retail building with 2
upstairs apartments

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