

= New Jersey Route 124 =

Route 124 is a state highway in the northern part of New Jersey in the United States that is 14 @. @ 74 mi (23 @. @ 72 km) long . It is the eastern section of what used to be Route 24 before that road was realigned to its current freeway alignment . The western end is at an intersection with U.S. Route 202 (US 202) and County Route 510 (CR 510) in Morristown , Morris County ; the eastern end continues as CR 603 on Springfield Avenue at the border between Maplewood and Irvington in Essex County . The route runs through suburban areas of Morris County , passing through Madison and Chatham . It interchanges with Route 24 on the border of Millburn , Essex County and Summit , Union County and serves as a frontage road for that route . Upon splitting from Route 24 , Route 124 continues east through Springfield Township , Union Township , and Maplewood to its eastern terminus .

The alignment of today ? s Route 124 was first designated as a part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 5 in 1916 , a route that was to run from Delaware , Warren County to Newark . In 1927 , this portion of the route became a part of Route 24 , a route that was to run from Phillipsburg to Newark . A freeway , which is the current alignment of Route 24 , was proposed for this portion of the route in the 1950s that was approved in 1960 . Route 24 was moved to the new freeway between the John F. Kennedy Parkway on the Millburn / Summit border and Interstate 78 (I @-@ 78) in 1972 , with Route 124 being designated along the former alignment of Route 24 east of this point . In 1992 , the Route 24 freeway was completed between I @-@ 287 in Hanover Township and the John F. Kennedy Parkway . As a result , Route 124 was extended west along the former Route 24 to U.S. Route 202 in Morristown .

= = Route description = =

= = = Morris County = = =

Route 124 begins at the intersection of US 202 and CR 510 at the Park Place square in the downtown of Morristown , Morris County . From here , it heads to the southeast as South Street , a two @-@ lane undivided road that passes businesses . At the intersection with CR 663 , the road widens to four lanes . A short distance later , CR 601 continues southeast on South Street and Route 124 bears left to head east on Madison Avenue , coming to an interchange with Interstate 287 . Past this interchange , the road passes Morristown Memorial Hospital and continues through mainly commercial areas with some homes . At the intersection with Normandy Parkway , the route turns to the southeast and enters Morris Township , where it narrows to two lanes again , with New Jersey Transit ? s Morristown Line running a short distance to the northeast of the route near the Morris County Golf Club . Route 124 continues into more residential areas and crosses into Madison .

Here , the route passes near some business parks before intersecting CR 636 , where it is briefly a four @-@ lane road . Past this intersection , the road passes between residential neighborhoods to the northeast and Drew University to the southwest . Route 124 crosses over the Morristown Line near James Park and becomes Main Street , heading southeast through the commercial downtown of Madison . Here , the road intersects CR 647 and CR 608 . Past the Rosedale Avenue intersection , the route heads into a mix of residential and business areas . Route 124 enters Chatham at the intersection with Brooklake Road / Division Avenue . In the center of the town , the route intersects CR 638 and CR 607 before continuing east .

= = = Essex and Union counties = = =

Route 124 crosses the Passaic River and runs along the border of Millburn , Essex County to the north and Summit , Union County , coming to a large interchange with the Route 24 freeway and CR 649 (John F. Kennedy Parkway) . Here , the route becomes a frontage road for the Route 24

freeway that has two lanes in each direction . The road passes to the south of The Mall at Short Hills before running through the Canoe Brook Country Club . It heads southeast into wooded residential neighborhoods and intersects Union CR 657 , where the Route 124 frontage road has ramps to Route 24 . A short distance later , the route passes an overpass to nowhere that crosses over Route 24 at Brantwood Drive which was closed and walled off . The Route 124 frontage road has since eliminated the intersection at Brantwood Drive . In 2013 , City of Summit vacated the 50 @-@ foot public right of way of the old road section from Route 124 into the current Brantwood Drive . In a short distant , Route 124 intersects Essex CR 608 , at which point the route has an eastbound ramp to eastbound Route 24 and a westbound ramp from westbound Route 24 . Past this intersection , the Route 124 frontage road along Route 24 ends and the route becomes a two @-@ lane undivided road called South Service Road that closely parallels the north side of Route 24 , passing under the Morristown Line . The route heads past businesses and forms the border of Millburn to the north and Springfield Township , Union County to the south , coming to an intersection with CR 512 near an interchange with Route 24 . There is a direct ramp from westbound Route 124 to Route 24 a short distance to the northwest of this intersection .

From here , the route passes more commercial establishments as a four @-@ lane road , heading farther from Route 24 , before crossing CR 527 . At this intersection , Route 124 entirely enters Springfield Township and becomes Morris Avenue , passing a mix of residences and businesses . The route passes under I @-@ 78 without an interchange and becomes a two @-@ lane road that passes through the downtown of Springfield , eventually widening to four lanes again . In this area , it intersects CR 635 . Route 124 comes to a circular junction with Route 82 , County Route 509 Spur (CR 509 Spur) , and CR 577 . Here , Route 82 continues southeast on Morris Avenue , CR 509 Spur heads south , and CR 577 heads north . Route 124 , meanwhile , briefly splits into a one @-@ way pair here . The eastbound direction heads south on Meisel Avenue before turning north along Maple Avenue while the westbound direction follows Springfield Avenue . The two directions of Route 124 rejoin and follow four @-@ lane divided Springfield Avenue northeast to a partial interchange with I @-@ 78 . Here , there are ramps from the local lanes of eastbound I @-@ 78 to both directions of Route 124 , to the local lanes of westbound I @-@ 78 and Route 24 from both directions of Route 124 , and to the express lanes of westbound Interstate 78 from westbound Route 124 .

Past this interchange , the route enters Union Township and continues east through developed areas , intersecting CR 638 before narrowing into a two @-@ lane undivided road and intersecting CR 630 . It continues through more urban commercial areas before intersecting CR 630 again . At this point , Route 124 crosses into Maplewood , Essex County and becomes a three @-@ lane road with a center left @-@ turn lane that is locally maintained . This road heads east through the downtown of Maplewood , coming to an intersection with CR 601 . A short distance later , the Route 124 designation ends at the border of Maplewood and Irvington , with Springfield Avenue continuing east into Irvington as CR 603 toward Newark .

= = History = =

What is modern @-@ day Route 124 was designated as a part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 5 , a route that was legislated in 1916 to run from Delaware in Warren County east to Newark . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , this portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 5 became a part of Route 24 , a road that was to run from Phillipsburg to Newark . In the 1950s , plans were made to bypass this portion of Route 24 with a freeway running from Interstate 287 in Hanover Township to Interstate 78 in Springfield Township ; this was approved of in 1960 . This freeway was completed between Interstate 78 and the John F. Kennedy Parkway in 1972 . The Route 24 designation was moved to the new freeway and Route 124 was designated along the former alignment of Route 24 east of this point , which included frontage roads built where the new freeway ran along the old alignment of the road . Following the completion of the Route 24 freeway to Interstate 287 in 1992 , Route 124 was extended west along the former alignment of Route 24 between the John F. Kennedy Parkway and U.S. Route 202 in Morristown . In 2002 , maintenance of the portion of Route

124 in Maplewood was transferred to the municipality from the New Jersey Department of Transportation .

= = Major intersections = =