

= New Jersey Route 167 =

Route 167 is a short , 0 @. @ 77 @- @ mile ( 1 @. @ 24 km ) long unsigned state highway in Atlantic and Burlington Counties in New Jersey . The route is one of the few discontinuous state highways in New Jersey , split by wetlands , the Garden State Parkway and the Mullica River . Although the alignment is registered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation as 2 @. @ 76 miles ( 4 @. @ 44 km ) highway , the amount of roadway is considerably shorter . The route begins at an intersection with U.S. Route 9 in Port Republic , where it continues along Old New York Road to an end of roadway at the Parkway embankment . Across the Mullica River , Route 167 continues at a gate for wetlands , heading northward to an intersection with U.S. Route 9 in Bass River Township .

The route originated as part of New Jersey Route 4 during construction of a new state highway in 1917 . Route 4 was built northward to the current Route 167 northern terminus in 1926 , which was designated as part of U.S. Route 9 that year . The highway was 2 @. @ 64 miles ( 4 @. @ 25 km ) long along an iron truss bridge . The route remained intact until construction of the Garden State Parkway and a new bridge over the Mullica River in 1948 . When the bridge was finished , Route 9 was realigned off the roadway and the prior alignment became Route 167 during the New Jersey state highway renumbering . The route was split twice since 1953 , first by the removal of the old Mullica River bridge in 1962 as part of a sale to the National Park Service for a refuge in Virginia , then the northern portion was dismantled except for a 0 @. @ 12 miles ( 0 @. @ 19 km ) long alignment for a wetland mitigation project . Today , the route remains in half and the road is still maintained by the state .

= = Route description = =

Route 167 's southern terminus is located at an intersection with U.S. Route 9 ( New York Road ) in the city of Port Republic . The route then intersects with the original alignment of New York Road , now known today as Old New York Road . Route 167 crosses over a stream , intersecting with a privately maintained roadway soon after . The route approaches the Garden State Parkway , but ends at a gate just nearby . The purpose of the gate is to block off the roadway , which previously crossed underneath .

After a 1 @. @ 99 @- @ mile ( 3 @. @ 20 km ) gap in the roadway , which consists of a former bridge over the Mullica River dismantled and moved to Virginia and bridges removed for wetlands mitigation in the marshes just north , and the orphaned roads in between , which are visible from the Garden State Parkway to the west , Route 167 resurfaces in Bass River Township as a short dead @- @ end street only approximately 800 ft ( 0 @. @ 24 km ) long , serving only a few homes . The route intersects with Bogan Lane and comes to an end at an intersection with U.S. Route 9 . The route 's official speed limit , which is not signed , is 25 mph ( 30 km / h ) at its southern segment and 50 mph ( 70 km / h ) in its northern segment . However the Straight Line Diagrams produced by the Department of Transportation list both segments as 50 mph ( 70 km / h ) .

= = History = =

Route 167 originates as a part of New Jersey Route 4 from Absecon to Rahway , designated in the 1920s . The route remained intact for several years , receiving the co @- @ designation of U.S. Route 9 in 1926 , when the nationwide system was assigned . In 1927 , the New Jersey State Highway Department had a statewide state highway renumbering , extending Route 4 in both directions . The two routes remained intact until the construction of the Garden State Parkway 's tenth section from New Jersey Route 43 in Absecon to Dover Road in 1948 . That year , a bridge over the Mullica River for the Parkway , in which Routes 4 and 9 were realigned onto , was constructed , replacing the alignment over the old structure . During construction , Route 4 and Route 9 was realigned onto a temporary alignment to the older structure , while the old one remained unnumbered . The bridge was finished in 1954 , and Route 9 was realigned onto the new

bridge . ( Route 4 was truncated back to Bergen County during the 1953 state highway renumbering . )

Upon the realignment of U.S. Route 9 , the State Highway Department renumbered the former alignment as Route 167 . The route , originally 55 feet ( 17 m ) wide , was shortened during the construction of the new alignments , which also involved taking homes and properties from the highway . The former portion became a gravel road upon completion in Port Republic . Route 167 now continued along the former alignment , using the iron truss bridge built in 1917 for Route 4 to the intersection with U.S. Route 9 in Bass River Township . The old iron truss bridge lasted several years after the realignment , lasting past 1960 . The truss bridge was dismantled in 1962 , and sold to the state of Virginia and the National Park Service for the National Wildlife Refuge . The route remained intact for a couple decades , with a gap in the highway . The State Highway Department registered the alignment of Route 167 in 1969 as 2 @. @ 64 miles ( 4 @. @ 25 km ) long , although there was a gap in the roadway .

The route 's northern half from the Mullica River , constructed in 1926 as part of Route 4 , was dismantled in 1984 for Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge . As of 2007 , Route 167 is unsigned , running from U.S. Route 9 in Port Republic to the bank of the Garden State Parkway at the Mullica River Bridge on its south side and from U.S. Route 9 to a gate on the north side . The straight line diagrams also mention the length of the roadway being 2 @. @ 76 miles ( 4 @. @ 44 km ) long , although only 0 @. @ 77 @- @ mile ( 1 @. @ 24 km ) is still roadway .

= = Major intersections = =