

= New York State Route 446 =

New York State Route 446 (NY 446) is a state highway in the Southern Tier of New York in the United States . The highway extends for 6 @. @ 76 miles (10 @. @ 88 km) on a northeast ? southwest alignment from an intersection with NY 16 north of the hamlet of Hinsdale to a junction with NY 305 in the village of Cuba . It parallels the Southern Tier Expressway (NY 17 and Interstate 86 or I @- @ 86) very closely for its entire length . NY 446 was originally designated as part of Route 4 , an unsigned legislative route , in 1908 . The Hinsdale ? Cuba highway received its first posted designation in 1924 when it was included as part of NY 17 . It was renumbered twice , becoming part of NY 63 in 1930 and NY 408 in the 1940s , before gaining its current designation c . 1975 .

= = Route description = =

NY 446 begins at an intersection with NY 16 in the Hinsdale hamlet of Maplehurst , located a quarter @- @ mile (0 @. @ 40 km) north of exit 27 on the Southern Tier Expressway (I @- @ 86 and NY 17) and roughly one mile (1 @. @ 6 km) north of the larger community of Hinsdale . The route heads northeast through the town of Hinsdale along the base of a valley surrounding Oil Creek . While NY 446 follows the north bank of the creek , the Southern Tier Expressway and the adjacent Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad (WNYP) run along the southern bank .

Near the Cattaraugus ? Allegany county line , Route 446 , Oil Creek , and the WNYP all turn east toward Cuba ; however , the expressway continues on a northeasterly alignment to bypass the village to the north . Upon entering Allegany County , NY 446 passes under the Southern Tier Expressway and becomes known as Water Street as it enters Cuba from the west upon traversing Oil Creek . The route continues eastward for three blocks to NY 305 (Genesee Street) , where both Water Street and NY 446 terminate approximately a quarter @- @ mile (0 @. @ 40 km) south of exit 28 on the Southern Tier Expressway .

= = History = =

All of modern NY 446 was originally designated as part of Route 4 , a cross @- @ state unsigned legislative route defined by the New York State Legislature in 1908 . Route 4 continued south from Hinsdale on what is now NY 16 and east from the village of Cuba on County Route 20 . The legislative route system was replaced by the modern state route system in 1924 , at which time most of Route 4 was designated NY 17 , including from Hinsdale to Cuba . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 17 was moved onto a more southerly alignment (now NY 417) between Olean and Wellsville . Its former routing between Hinsdale and the Amity hamlet of Belvidere became the southwesternmost part of the new NY 63 , which continued north from Belvidere to the Lake Ontario shoreline .

NY 63 was rerouted south of Mount Morris in the early 1940s to follow its current alignment to Wayland . The former alignment of NY 63 from Hinsdale to Mount Morris was redesignated as NY 408 . In the early 1970s , construction began on the portion of the Southern Tier Expressway between Olean and Corning . From Hinsdale to Belvidere , the new highway closely followed NY 408 . By 1974 , the highway was open from Olean to Hinsdale and from Almond to Corning . The segment between Hinsdale and NY 19 in Belvidere was completed by January 1975 , and the leg between Belvidere and Almond opened to traffic on January 30 , 1975 , completing the Olean ? Corning portion of the expressway . The bypassed section of NY 408 between Cuba and Belvidere was subsequently transferred to Allegany County , and NY 408 was truncated to its current southern terminus in Nunda as a result . The portion of NY 408 's former routing between Hinsdale and Cuba was retained as a state highway and renumbered to NY 446 .

= = Major intersections = =

