

= New York State Route 45 =

New York State Route 45 ( NY 45 ) is a north ? south state highway in central Rockland County , New York , in the United States . It spans 8 @. @ 60 miles ( 13 @. @ 84 km ) from the village of Chestnut Ridge at the New Jersey ? New York border , where it becomes County Route 73 ( CR 73 ) in Bergen County , New Jersey , to U.S. Route 202 ( US 202 ) in the town of Haverstraw . Though an interchange does exist between NY 45 and the Palisades Interstate Parkway , the route has no access to the New York State Thruway .

NY 45 was originally designated as New York State Route 305 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . It was renumbered to New York State Route 94 in the early 1940s before becoming NY 45 on January 1 , 1949 .

= = Route description = =

NY 45 begins at the New Jersey ? New York border in Chestnut Ridge . Although the first NY 45 reassurance shield is a quarter @- @ mile north of the state line , the reference marker below the " Welcome to New York " sign at the crossing indicates the beginning of NY 45 .

NY 45 runs parallel to the small portion of the Garden State Parkway ( GSP ) that enters New York . Officially this portion is considered an extension of the New York State Thruway . While NY 45 never intersects the GSP , it provides a link to the parkway . South of the New Jersey border in Bergen County , CR 73 intersects the GSP , and in New York , NY 45 intersects CR 41 , which intersects the parkway . Through Chestnut Ridge ( where it is known as Chestnut Ridge Road , just as CR 73 , its southern extension , is in New Jersey ) , it crosses the New York State Thruway .

Once it enters Spring Valley ( where it is known locally first as South Main Street , then as North Main Street after it crosses its very busy intersection with NY 59 ) , NY 45 continues northward through the downtown business district . Traffic here tends to pile up many times a day . After NY 45 's intersection at Hillcrest with CR 74 ( the location of several small shopping centers ) , traffic tends to ease up . North of there , NY 45 provides a link to the Hassidic Jewish community of New Square , although it never enters the village limits . At CR 80 , NY 45 enters New Hempstead . Again the road becomes relatively quiet , but it begins to parallel the Palisades Interstate Parkway , until its intersection at exit 12 in Pomona . NY 45 quickly leaves Pomona and enters Mount Ivy . This is where NY 45 comes to its northern terminus at US 202 . This area of US 202 is in downtown Mount Ivy , and exit 13 of the Palisades is just 0 @. @ 1 miles ( 0 @. @ 2 km ) west of NY 45 's northern terminus .

= = History = =

What is now NY 45 was originally designated NY 305 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . At the same time , the portion of modern NY 305 north of Portville in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties was assigned NY 94 , while the current NY 94 in Orange County was designated NY 45 . The NY 305 and NY 94 designations were swapped in the early 1940s , placing NY 305 on its current alignment and NY 94 on what is now NY 45 . NY 94 was then swapped again , this time for NY 45 , on January 1 , 1949 , placing both routes on their modern routings .

In 1958 , Ramapo town engineer Edwin Wallace noticed an increase in the amount of traffic passing through the village of Spring Valley . This led Wallace to propose a 5 @- @ mile ( 8 @. @ 0 km ) bypass of the village , starting at NY 59 in Monsey and ending at NY 45 in Hillcrest . Rockland County approved the proposed bypass two years later , and the plans were forwarded to the New York State Department of Transportation . In 1966 , the Tri @- @ State Transportation Commission released its long @- @ term highway report for the area . The new study replaced the Spring Valley Bypass with the NY 45 expressway , a north ? south bypass of Spring Valley connecting the Garden State Parkway to the Palisades Interstate Parkway . The road would serve a steadily growing area of commercial businesses along the NY 45 corridor . No action was taken on this proposal .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Rockland County .