

= New Jersey Route 109 =

Route 109 is a 3 @. @ 06 @- @ mile (4 @. @ 92 km) state highway located in Cape May County , New Jersey , United States . The route runs from Jackson Street in Cape May north to an intersection with U.S. Route 9 (US 9) in Lower Township . It crosses one of two road bridges over the Cape May Canal (the other is Route 162) and provides access to the southern end of the Garden State Parkway and County Route 621 (Ocean Drive) as well as to Cape May . Only the section of road in Lower Township is state maintained ; the rest is maintained by Cape May County and signed as County Route 633 , which extends 0 @. @ 34 mi (0 @. @ 55 km) past the southern terminus along Jackson Street and Perry Street to County Route 626 in West Cape May .

Present @- @ day Route 109 was designated as a part of pre @- @ 1927 Route 14 in 1917 before becoming the southernmost portion of Route 4 in 1927 . By the 1940s , US 9 extended south to Cape May from Absecon along this part of Route 4 . In 1953 , the Route 4 designation was dropped from this segment of road to avoid the concurrency with US 9 . In 1972 , US 9 was rerouted to head to the Cape May ? Lewes Ferry terminal , with the former alignment into Cape May becoming Route 109 .

= = Route description = =

Route 109 begins at an intersection with County Route 633 in Cape May , heading to the northeast on Lafayette Street , a two @- @ lane undivided road that is county @- @ maintained and signed as a part of County Route 633 , which itself extends past the southern terminus of Route 109 along Jackson Street and Perry Street to County Route 626 in West Cape May . The route passes through residential and commercial areas of Cape May , intersecting the northern terminus of County Route 653 . At the intersection with Sidney Avenue , Route 109 splits into a one @- @ way pair that has two lanes in each direction , with the northbound direction following Sidney Avenue east before turning north on Washington Street and the southbound direction remaining on Lafayette Street . Along this pairing , northbound Route 109 intersects the northern terminus of County Route 622 . A short distance later , Washington Street turns west to join Lafayette Street , ending the one @- @ way pair , and the route heads north as a two @- @ lane undivided road .

It crosses a body of water onto an island in Lower Township . Here , the route becomes maintained by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and signed as Route 109 , continuing north past several marinas and other resort businesses . The road briefly widens into a four @- @ lane divided highway before the median ends and it crosses over the Cape May Canal on a bridge . Upon crossing the canal , Route 109 becomes a divided highway again and intersects County Route 621 (Ocean Drive) . From here , the road passes a mix of homes and businesses before intersecting the southern terminus of the Garden State Parkway at an at @- @ grade intersection . At this point , the route turns to the west and becomes a two @- @ lane undivided road and heads through woods and marshland with some residences . Route 109 heads into residential neighborhoods before it ends at an intersection with US 9 , which continues north on the road past this intersection as well as west along Sandman Boulevard toward the Cape May @- @ Lewes Ferry terminal .

= = History = =

The road that is now Route 109 was legislated as a part of pre @- @ 1927 Route 14 in 1917 , a route that was to run from Cape May to Egg Harbor City along what is now Route 109 , US 9 and Route 50 . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , this portion of pre @- @ 1927 Route 14 became the southernmost part of Route 4 , a route that was to run from Cape May north to the George Washington Bridge . By the 1940s , US 9 was extended south from Absecon to Cape May , running concurrent with Route 4 . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , which eliminated long concurrencies between U.S. and state routes , the Route 4 designation was dropped along this portion of road , leaving US 9 as the sole designation . In 1972 , US 9 was relocated from its southern terminus in Cape May to head west to its new southern terminus at the Cape May ?

Lewes Ferry terminal in North Cape May , with the former route into Cape May becoming Route 109 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Cape May County .