

= New Jersey Route 4 =

Route 4 is a state highway in Bergen County and Passaic County , New Jersey , United States . The highway stretches 10 @. @ 83 mi (17 @. @ 43 km) from Route 20 (McLean Boulevard) in Paterson east to an interchange with Interstate 95 , U.S. Route 1 / 9 , U.S. Route 46 , and U.S. Route 9W at the George Washington Bridge approach in Fort Lee . The route is a four- to six @- @ lane 40 to 50 mph (64 to 80 km / h) divided highway its entire length , with the portion east of the Route 208 interchange in Fair Lawn a partial freeway consisting of interchanges and right @- @ in / right @- @ out intersections with a few businesses along the road , particularly in Paramus , where the route passes through a major shopping area consisting of numerous malls , Hackensack , Englewood , and Fort Lee . West of Route 208 , the route is a surface arterial that runs through commercial areas . Route 4 intersects many important roads , including Route 208 in Fair Lawn and the Garden State Parkway and Route 17 in Paramus . The highway is officially named the Mackay Highway , but is rarely referred to as such .

Route 4 was legislated in 1927 to run from Cape May to the George Washington Bridge . This route replaced pre @- @ 1927 Route 14 between Cape May and Seaville , what was planned as pre @- @ 1927 Route 19 between Seaville and Absecon , pre @- @ 1927 Route 4 between Absecon and Lakewood and South Amboy and Rahway , and a spur of pre @- @ 1927 Route 7 between Lakewood and Freehold , with the rest of the route to be built on a new alignment . The present @- @ day routing of U.S. Route 9 between Cape May and South Amboy and Route 35 between South Amboy and Rahway bore the Route 4 designation prior to 1953 , when the route was defined onto its current alignment . Several spurs of Route 4 existed before 1953 and the Garden State Parkway was originally planned as a bypass of Route 4 that was to be designated Route 4 Parkway . Today 's stretch of the route was completed by 1934 , not long after the opening of the George Washington Bridge in 1931 . It was planned to be upgraded to a full freeway , but plans never materialized . Despite this , the route has seen improvements , such as to the interchanges with Route 17 in 1999 and with Route 208 in 2002 .

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Route 4 starts in Paterson , Passaic County at the intersection of Broadway and East 43rd Street at an interchange with Route 20 (McLean Boulevard) , heading east on Broadway , a four @- @ lane , divided highway with a Jersey barrier and a speed limit of 40 mph (64 km / h) . The route passes over Route 20 and continues east , crossing the Passaic River into Elmwood Park , Bergen County and passing over County Route 507 . Route 4 features a right @- @ in / right @- @ out in the eastbound direction that provides access to County Route 507 . The route continues east on Broadway as a divided highway with a concrete then a grassy median , with businesses lining both sides of the roadway . At the intersection with Cyril Avenue , Route 4 runs along the border of Elmwood Park to the south and Fair Lawn to the north before entirely entering Fair Lawn , where the route passes under New Jersey Transit ? s Bergen County Line near Broadway Station . It intersects County Route 67 (Midland Avenue) and continues east as a divided highway with a Jersey barrier through commercial areas of Fair Lawn .

Route 4 comes to an interchange Route 208 , where the route continues east on the Route 208 alignment , becoming a divided highway with four lanes in the eastbound direction and three lanes in the westbound direction . The interchange between Route 4 and Route 208 also features access to County Route 79 (Saddle River Road) . The route continues east as a limited access road that is lined with businesses . Route 4 crosses the Saddle River and then enters Paramus . Upon entering Paramus , Route 4 has a cloverleaf interchange with County Route 62 (Paramus Road / Passaic Street) . The route features a partial interchange with the Garden State Parkway , with access from westbound Route 4 to the southbound Garden State Parkway and from the northbound Garden State Parkway to eastbound Route 4 . Route 4 has an interchange which provides access to Westfield Garden State Plaza , located on the south side of the road , and a large IKEA store , located on the north side of the road . Past this , Route 4 features a cloverleaf interchange with

Route 17 and continues east as a six @-@ lane divided highway with a 50 mph (80 km / h) speed limit . It interchanges with Spring Valley Road and passes by The Outlets at Bergen Town Center located on the south side of the road . Route 4 interchanges with County Route 59 (Forest Avenue / Maywood Avenue) .

As the road leaves Paramus , it becomes a partial freeway and businesses no longer line the route . Route 4 enters River Edge , where the route crosses Van Saun Mill Creek , and it heads to the southeast and features ramps that provide access to County Route 51 (Kinderkamack Road) , which the route passes over along with New Jersey Transit 's Pascack Valley Line just south of the New Bridge Landing Station . Upon crossing the Pascack Valley Line , Route 4 heads into Hackensack , where it interchanges with County Route 503 (Hackensack Avenue) near The Shops at Riverside . The route crosses the Hackensack River into Teaneck and heads through the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University . Route 4 features ramps that provide access to County Route 41 (River Road) , which it later passes over . The road continues southeast through wooded residential areas , intersecting a few roads at right @-@ in / right @-@ out intersections , before interchanging with Queen Anne Road . It interchanges with County Route 39 (Teaneck Road) and Webster Avenue / Farragut Drive before crossing into Englewood where the route crosses Overpeck Creek and businesses resume along the road with access to businesses and a few local roads provided by right @-@ in / right @-@ out ramps . In Englewood , Route 4 features a cloverleaf interchange with Route 93 and County Route 501 (Grand Avenue) . Past this interchange , businesses stop along the road and it continues east with three lanes in the eastbound direction and two lanes in the westbound direction , coming to an interchange with Jones Road . Past this interchange , the road continues south with businesses along the road , crossing into Fort Lee . In Fort Lee , the lanes split as Route 4 approaches Interstate 95 , with the eastbound lanes passing over Interstate 95 . Route 4 continues south with Interstate 95 in the median , ending at an interchange with Interstate 95 , U.S. Route 1 / 9 , U.S. Route 46 , and U.S. Route 9W , at the George Washington Bridge approach .

= = History = =

Route 4 was originally legislated in the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering to run from Cape May north to the George Washington Bridge , running through Pleasantville , Toms River , Freehold , Perth Amboy , Rahway , and Paterson . The route replaced portions of the alignments of several pre @-@ 1927 state highways including pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 between Cape May and Seaville , pre @-@ 1927 Route 19 between Seaville and Absecon , pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 between Absecon and Lakewood and between South Amboy and Rahway , a spur of pre @-@ 1927 Route 7 between Lakewood and Freehold . The rest of the proposed route was to be built on a new alignment . Of the pre @-@ 1927 state highways that Route 4 was to follow , pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 was originally legislated in 1917 , pre @-@ 1927 Route 19 was legislated in 1923 but never built , pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 was created in 1916 , and the spur of pre @-@ 1927 Route 7 was created in 1925 . U.S. Route 9 was also designated along Route 4 between Absecon and Lakewood and from South Amboy to Rahway . By the 1940s , U.S. Route 9 was realigned to follow Route 4 between Lakewood and South Amboy , having followed portions of today 's Route 88 , Route 35 , and Route 71 and was extended south along Route 4 to Cape May . The section of present @-@ day Route 4 was built between 1930 and 1934 to connect Paterson and the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee . There were plans made in 1936 to make this portion of Route 4 a limited @-@ access road ; however , World War II delayed plans for the expressway .

Route 4 had several former spur routes that existed prior to the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering . Route 4N was designated in 1939 from the portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 between Brielle and Eatontown ; it is now Route 71 . Route S4 was defined in 1927 to run to the Outerbridge Crossing in Perth Amboy from present @-@ day Route 35 ; it was eventually extended to the Garden State Parkway and this route is now Routes 440 and 184 . Route S4A was planned in 1927 to run from Atlantic City across swamps to Tuckerton ; only a small portion of this route was built and it is now Route 87 . Route S4B was planned in 1929 to run Route 4 near Paterson northwest to the New York border , replacing a portion of what was legislated as Route 3 in 1927 .

The portion of this route that was built between Fair Lawn and Oakland is now Route 208 . Route S4D was a never built spur in Teaneck proposed in 1938 ; the proposal was renumbered Route 303 . Route 4A was created by the 1940s following a realignment of Route 4 (and U.S. Route 9) between Freehold and Cheesequake ; it became Route 79 and a portion of Route 34 in 1953 . Route 4 Parkway was planned in 1946 as a north ? south parkway running from Cape May north to Route 6 (now U.S. Route 46) in Clifton , bridging the gap that existed along Route 4 between Rahway and Paterson ; this proposal became Route 444 (Garden State Parkway) . Route S4C was a planned route running from Route 4 in Bennett south to Cape May ; the general alignment of this route is now Route 162 and Cape May County Route 626 .

In the 1953 renumbering , Route 4 was defined to run along its current alignment between Route 20 in Paterson and the George Washington Bridge . Between Cape May and South Amboy , the Route 4 designation was dropped in favor of U.S. Route 9 while the portion of the route between South Amboy and Rahway became a part of Route 35 . In the mid @-@ 1950s , plans resumed for an east ? west limited @-@ access road through Bergen County . Three alignments were proposed in 1956 : one along Route 4 , one along U.S. Route 46 , and one in between the two routes . The alignment between the two routes was chosen due to the least disruption it would cause and it was built as Interstate 80 . In the 1960s , recommendations were made to upgrade Route 4 to a full freeway but was cancelled due to feared disruption to residents .

Many improvements have been made to the existing Route 4 arterial . The Route 17 interchange in Paramus was rebuilt at a cost of \$ 120 million in 1999 , replacing the 1932 cloverleaf interchange by adding several flyover ramps . In 2002 , construction was completed on a \$ 32 million project that improved the interchange with Route 208 in Fair Lawn . This interchange saw improvements of the ramps and bridges , including the Route 208 bridge over Saddle River Road .

= = Major intersections = =

All exits are unnumbered .