

= New York State Route 78 =

New York State Route 78 (NY 78) is a 73 @-@ 49 @-@ mile (118 @-@ 27 km) state highway in western New York in the United States . While it is signed north ? south , the southern portion runs in an east ? west direction across Wyoming and Erie counties , from its beginning at a junction with NY 19 north of the village of Gainesville to the village of East Aurora . The part of the route north of East Aurora follows a generally north ? south alignment to an intersection with NY 18 in the Niagara County town of Newfane (at the hamlet of Olcott) , just south of the Lake Ontario shoreline . The route is most closely identified in the region with Transit Road , a major north ? south trunk road through the center of Erie and Niagara counties ; however , NY 78 does not follow Transit Road for its entire length , nor does Transit Road comprise more than half its length . The highway joins Transit Road north of East Aurora and stays with the road to its end in the city of Lockport .

The section of NY 78 between NY 5 in the town of Amherst and the Lake Ontario shoreline in Newfane was originally designated New York State Route 32 in the mid @-@ 1920s . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 32 was absorbed into NY 78 , which ran from Gainesville to Newfane upon assignment . From East Aurora to Depew , NY 78 originally used a slightly more easterly alignment along several local streets and a section of NY 422 . Two realignments in the 1930s moved the route onto its modern alignment , and NY 78 's original routing between East Aurora and Depew was briefly designated NY 78A during the mid @-@ 1930s .

= = Route description = =

= = = Wyoming County = = =

NY 78 begins at an intersection with NY 19 at the northern end of the Wyoming County village of Gainesville . NY 78 proceeds westward from NY 19 as Delhi Road , a two @-@ lane residential road through the rural sections of Gainesville . At a junction with Dolph Road , NY 78 bends southwest , dropping the Delhi Road moniker , and soon entering the hamlet of Wethersfield , located in the town of the same name . In Wethersfield , NY 78 is a two @-@ lane residential street , intersecting with the northern terminus of County Route 10 (CR 10 ; Hardys Road) and southern terminus of CR 4 (Hermitage Road) .

After the hamlet of Wethersfield , NY 78 continues southwest , crossing through rural farms as a two @-@ lane roadway , intersecting with the southern terminus of CR 57 (Poplar Tree Road) . A short distance after CR 57 , NY 78 intersects with the northern terminus of NY 362 while winding southwest through Wethersfield . At the intersection with Maxwell Drive , NY 78 becomes westbound , remaining rural for several miles . After the intersection with Irish Road , NY 78 makes a gradual bend to the southwest , then north . At the end of this bend , NY 78 intersects with the eastern terminus of CR 54 (Chaffee Road) and the northern terminus of CR 11 (East Arcade Road) .

Now in the town of Java , NY 78 uses the right @-@ of @-@ way once used by CR 11 northbound , winding past several farms as it proceeds northward . A short distance to the north , NY 78 intersects with NY 98 southbound . Both NY 78 north and NY 98 south turn west on a wrong @-@ way concurrency through the town of Java , running as a two @-@ lane residential street through dense woods and wide fields . Continuing west through Java , NY 78 and NY 98 cross over a railroad line and enter the hamlet of Java Center . In Java Center , NY 78 and NY 98 intersect with the southern terminus of NY 77 (Cattaraugus Road) . This intersection also doubles as the terminus of the NY 78 and NY 98 concurrency as NY 98 proceeds south on NY 77 's right @-@ of @-@ way .

NY 78 bends northwest on Main Street and out of Java Center as a two @-@ lane rural roadway through the town of Java . The route soon drops the Main Street moniker , winding northwest into an intersection with CR 44 (Curriers Road) . After CR 44 , NY 78 runs northwest as a two @-@ lane residential road , passing numerous houses before intersecting with the eastern terminus of CR 15 (

Holland Road) . After an intersection with Elm Road , NY 78 regains the Main Street moniker , crossing into the town of Sheldon and into the hamlet of Strykersville . Through Strykersville , NY 78 is a two @-@ lane residential street , intersecting with the western terminus of CR 9 (Perry Road) and the southern terminus of CR 35 (Dutch Hollow Road) .

After CR 35 , NY 78 bends northwest out of Strykersville , crossing into the rural sections of Sheldon surrounding the hamlet . Near the intersection with Chester Street , NY 78 crosses the county line into Erie County and into the town of Wales .

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= = = = Wales to West Seneca = = = =

Now in the Erie County town of Wales , NY 78 changes monikers from Main Street to Strykersville Road , paralleling Buffalo Creek northwest through the rural section of Wales . A short distance northwest , NY 78 intersects with CR 175 (Center Line Road) , which connects to the Wyoming County line a short distance east . For a short distance after the intersection , the two routes parallel , with NY 78 bypassing the hamlet of Wales Hollow and intersecting with the northern terminus of CR 387 (East Creek Road) . Still known as Strykersville Road , NY 78 parallels Buffalo Creek into the southern terminus of CR 385 (Schang Road) . The two @-@ lane rural roadway remains the same for several miles to the northwest , crossing an intersection with CR 382 (Hunters Creek Road) .

Continuing northwest through Wales , NY 78 remains a two @-@ lane rural street known as Strykersville Road until intersecting with US 20A (Big Tree Road) at a T @-@ intersection . US 20A and NY 78 become concurrent along Big Tree , proceeding west through the town of Wales . The routes remain a two @-@ lane residential street for a distance , intersecting with CR 383 (Reiter Road) as it winds west . Now in the town of Aurora , US 20A and NY 78 enter a large interchange with NY 400 (the Aurora Expressway) . A short distance later , the routes enter the village of East Aurora . Now known as Main Street , US 20A and NY 78 proceed west as a two @-@ lane village street , intersecting with NY 16 (Olean Road) and the southern continuation of CR 6 (Pine Street) .

NY 16 joins the US 20A and NY 78 concurrency as it proceeds west on Main Street , becoming the main commercial thoroughfare through the village . The routes cross over railroad tracks in the center of East Aurora , returning to the residential street it was earlier , which reverts at Center Street . Several blocks to the west , US 20A , NY 16 and NY 78 enter a roundabout at the western end of East Aurora , where US 20A forks southwest on Hamburg Street , while NY 16 and NY 78 join up with CR 572 (Buffalo Street) and proceed northwest out of the village . Now in the town of Aurora once again , NY 16 , NY 78 and CR 572 proceed northwest past Knox Farm State Park , intersecting with CR 377 (Williardshire Road) . At CR 377 , the moniker changes from Buffalo Street to Seneca Street as NY 16 , NY 78 and CR 572 enter the town of Elma .

Passing the town water tower , NY 16 , NY 78 and CR 572 proceed northwest through Elma as a two @-@ lane commercial and residential road , intersecting with the western terminus of CR 528 (West Blood Road) . The routes slowly becomes commercial once again , passing a large industrial building before entering an at @-@ grade interchange with CR 574 (Jamison Road) . Before 1980 , this intersection served as the western terminus of NY 422 . After CR 574 , NY 16 , NY 78 and CR 572 continue northwest along Seneca Street as a two @-@ lane residential roadway through Elma . Bending northwest , the routes enter the hamlet of Spring Brook , where it intersects with CR 140 (Rice Road) and CR 362 (North Davis Road) .

Paralleling Cazenovia Creek , NY 16 , NY 78 and CR 572 intersect with the southern terminus of CR 95 (Pound Road) . The route remains a two @-@ lane residential road for a distance , soon bending further northwestward into the town of West Seneca . In West Seneca , the three routes intersect with US 20 (Transit Road) . At this intersection , NY 78 turns north onto a concurrency with US 20 while NY 16 proceeds northwest along CR 215 . This junction serves as the northern

terminus of CR 572 . Now concurrent with US 20 , NY 78 runs north along Transit Road as a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard , quickly entering a cloverleaf interchange with NY 400 (the Aurora Expressway) once again .

= = = = Transit Road = = = =

US 20 and NY 78 proceed northward along Transit Road , remaining a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard after the interchange . After an intersection with CR 330 (Bullis Road) , Transit Road winds north through West Seneca , paralleling several residential districts on each side and crossing an intersection with CR 325 (Seneca Creek Road / Main Street) . Just after CR 325 , US 20 and NY 78 proceed over Buffalo Creek and into an intersection with NY 354 (Clinton Street) . Now on the Lancaster ? Cheektowaga town line , US 20 and NY 78 continue northward along Transit Road , intersecting with the western terminus of CR 321 (French Road) .

Passing several strip malls , US 20 and NY 78 continue north along Transit Road , passing several residential complexes . After Madeira Drive , Transit Road becomes a four @-@ lane industrial boulevard again , passing several factories on each side of the road . The routes become commercial again , intersecting with CR 523 (Como Park Boulevard) . Paralleling Cayuga Creek to the west , US 20 and NY 78 become a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard again . A short distance later , the routes cross over Cayuga Creek and enter an intersection with the western terminus of NY 130 (Broadway) . At this junction , NY 78 continues north on Transit Road , while US 20 turns east onto Broadway through the village of Depew .

Continuing north on Transit Road , NY 78 becomes a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard through Depew , crossing over railroad tracks owned by CSX Transportation and used by Amtrak just east of the village 's Amtrak station . After crossing the tracks , NY 78 intersects with Walden Avenue (NY 952Q) , a major arterial out of the city of Buffalo . Continuing north through Depew , NY 78 intersects with the eastern terminus of CR 316 (George Urban Boulevard) . Continuing north through Depew , NY 78 and Transit Road remain the four @-@ lane commercial boulevard through the center of town , passing numerous businesses . Outside of the village , NY 78 connects to CR 161 (Pleasant View Drive) .

NY 78 and Transit Road remain four lanes , passing several commercial businesses and entering an intersection with NY 33 (Genesee Street) and crossing over Ellicott Creek . The route crosses over a former railroad grade , soon intersecting with CR 324 (Aero Drive) . Just after CR 324 , NY 78 and Transit Road enter an intersection with the feeder roads to exit 49 of the New York State Thruway (I @-@ 90) . NY 78 and Transit Road continue into the town of Clarence . After crossing Wehrle Drive (CR 290 and CR 275) , the four @-@ lane boulevard crosses into the town of Amherst .

In Amherst , Transit Road and NY 78 remain northbound as a four @-@ lane boulevard through a large commercial section . Passing several strip malls , the route expands to eight lanes , entering an intersection with NY 5 (Main Street) . The route condenses back to six lanes through Amherst , entering an intersection with a feeder road that connects to NY 324 (Sheridan Drive) . NY 78 and Transit Road continue north , crossing under NY 324 and condense down to four lanes once again . NY 78 passes through more strip malls to the north of NY 324 , criss @-@ crossing between the town lines of Amherst and Clarence . Continuing north , NY 78 intersects with the termini of CR 192 (Maple Road) and CR 37 (Greiner Road) .

Remaining a four @-@ lane boulevard , NY 78 and Transit Road cross back into Amherst , passing east of Transit Middle School before crossing back into Clarence . In Clarence , NY 78 intersects with the western terminus of CR 217 (Clarence Center Road) . Passing east of Transit Valley Country Club , the route crosses back into Amherst , entering the hamlet of East Amherst at CR 296 (Casey Road) . The route continues northward , intersecting with CR 299 (North French Road) and CR 282 (Country Road) . Soon entering the hamlet of Swormville , NY 78 and Transit Road remain a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard through Amherst . After Swormville , NY 78 and Transit Road become residential , soon becoming two lanes for the first time since West Seneca .

Crossing north through Amherst still , NY 78 and Transit Road becomes a mix of commercial and

residential , passing large sections of fields north of Swormville . A short distance to the north , NY 78 intersects with the northern terminus of NY 263 (Millersport Highway) . After crossing an intersection with Tonawanda Creek Road (CR 2 and CR 559) that also doubled as the former intersection with NY 268 , NY 78 and Transit Road widen to four lanes and cross over Tonawanda Creek into Niagara County .

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After crossing Tonawanda Creek , NY 78 and Transit Road enter the town of Lockport as a four @-@ lane boulevard . Intersecting with the western terminus of CR 117 and the eastern terminus of CR 60 (both North Tonawanda Creek Road) , NY 78 and Transit Road continue north as the four @-@ lane commercial boulevard through Lockport . The route remains four lanes , but becomes a boulevard through wide fields for a distance , passing runway 28 of North Buffalo Suburban Airport . Now in the town of Pendleton for a short distance , NY 78 and Transit Road cross through a long stretch of fields , becoming a commercial boulevard to the north .

After an intersection with CR 12 (Rapids Road) , NY 78 and Transit Road continue north through Pendleton , soon crossing into the town of Lockport once again . In the town of Lockport , NY 78 changes monikers to South Transit Road , passing several commercial businesses , intersecting with NY 93 (Robinson Road) . The four @-@ lane boulevard continues north from NY 93 through the town of Lockport , passing a stretch of residences and homes as it enters the city of Lockport . Now a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard , it passes several strip malls along South Transit Road . Now in the South Lockport hamlet outside of the city , in the town of Lockport , NY 78 and South Transit Road continue north , passing several stretches of residences .

The route becomes a residential / commercial mix as it passes through the city of Lockport , passing Altro Park before entering the center of the city . In the center of the city , NY 78 intersects with NY 31 (West Genesee Street and Walnut Street) just over the Erie Canal . At this junction , NY 78 changes monikers to North Transit Street , becoming a two @-@ lane residential street north of the city center . Crossing over an ex @-@ Erie Railroad line , the route intersects with Grand Street , where NY 78 turns east off North Transit Street onto Grand . East on Grand Street , NY 78 intersects with Clinton Street , where NY 78 turns north . Passing northeast of Upson Park , NY 78 continues northeast through Lockport on Clinton Street . The route becomes a two @-@ lane residential street , passing Dolan Park and turning north on Lake Avenue .

Crossing back into the town of Lockport , NY 78 continues north along Lake Avenue , intersecting with CR 31 (Old Niagara Road) . A short distance to the north , it enters the hamlet of Highland Park , winding northward as a two @-@ lane commercial roadway . After crossing the western terminus of CR 7 (Slayton Settlement Road) , NY 78 enters the Ridgelea Heights section of Lockport , crossing over the East Branch and west of Oak Run Golf Club . After the golf club , NY 78 expands to four lanes in the town of Newfane . In Newfane , NY 78 intersects with NY 104 east (Ridge Road) in the hamlet of Wrights Corners . NY 78 and NY 104 become concurrent northbound , becoming a four @-@ lane commercial boulevard through the hamlet .

A short distance to the north , NY 78 and NY 104 fork in different directions , with NY 104 following Ridge Road to the northeast and NY 78 running along Lockport ? Olcott Road to the northwest . Still in the town of Newfane , NY 78 proceeds northwest as a four @-@ lane (quickly changing to two @-@ lane) residential street . The route passes east of Bent @-@ Wing Airport , continuing northwest through Newfane . The route remains residential for a distance , crossing over a brook on its way into the hamlet of Corwin . In Corwin , NY 78 remains a two @-@ lane residential road , crossing over Conrail Shared Assets Operations tracks (heading for the Somerset Power Plant near Camp Kenan) north of Jacques Avenue . Now paralleling Eighteenmile Creek , NY 78 intersects with the western terminus of CR 105 (Hatter Road) . While winding northwest , the route soon enters the hamlet of Newfane .

Through the hamlet of Newfane , NY 78 winds northwest along Eighteenmile Creek , intersecting with CR 137 (Ewings Road) . NY 78 through Newfane is a two @-@ lane commercial street , marking the center of the hamlet . The route intersects with the eastern terminus of CR 91 (East

Street) . Paralleling Eighteenmile Creek out of Newfane , the route intersects with CR 104 (Ide Road) ' s eastern terminus . Now running alongside the creek , NY 78 continues north through the town of Newfane , passing west of a public golf course , remaining a two @-@ lane residential road through town .

After crossing the eastern terminus of CR 52 (Wilson ? Burt Road) , NY 78 continues north through the town of Newfane , entering the hamlet of Burt . Through Burt , the route passes a former railroad grade at Railroad Avenue and passes east of Fisherman 's Park . Continuing north , NY 78 enters the hamlet of Olcott . In Olcott , NY 78 retains the name of Lockport ? Olcott Road , becoming a two @-@ lane residential road . The route soon bends northwest , intersecting with NY 18 (Lake Road) on the shore of Eighteenmile Creek . This intersection serves as the northern terminus of NY 78 , while the right @-@ of @-@ way continues north as Lockport Street , which terminates at the shore of Lake Ontario .

= = History = =

The north ? south roadway connecting NY 5 in Amherst to the Lake Ontario shoreline in Olcott via Lockport was originally designated as NY 32 in the mid @-@ 1920s . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 32 became part of NY 78 , a new route extending from Gainesville in the south to Olcott in the north , mostly along existing but previously unnumbered roads . However , the portion between NY 362 and NY 19 was in the process of being built . NY 78 's early routing was identical to its modern alignment except from East Aurora to Depew . Initially , NY 78 headed north from East Aurora to Lancaster by way of Maple Street , Jamison and Bowen roads , and Clinton (NY 354) and Aurora streets before following NY 35 west to Transit Road in Depew .

NY 78 was realigned c . 1932 to follow US 20 (now US 20A) west from East Aurora to Transit Road , where it turned north onto Transit Road and followed it to Depew . The former routing of NY 78 between East Aurora and Lancaster was redesignated as NY 78A . NY 78 was rerouted one last time c . 1939 to overlap with NY 16 northwest from East Aurora to its junction with Transit Road in West Seneca . The realignment bypassed the southernmost portion of Transit Road , which became NY 187 in the early 1940s .

= = NY 78A = =

NY 78A was an alternate route of NY 78 in Erie County between NY 78 in East Aurora and NY 35 (now US 20) in Lancaster . The route began at the modern intersection of Main (then @-@ US 20) and Maple streets in East Aurora and followed Maple Street , Jamison and Bowen roads , and Clinton (NY 354) and Aurora streets to a terminus at Broadway (NY 35) in Lancaster . It was assigned c . 1932 after NY 78 was rerouted to follow US 20 and Transit Road instead between East Aurora and Depew . The NY 78A designation was short @-@ lived as it was removed c . 1938 . Its routing is now part of several county routes as well as NY 354 .

= = Major intersections = =