

= Interstate 780 =

Interstate 780 ( I @-@ 780 ) is an Interstate Highway in the San Francisco Bay Area of the U.S. state of California . It serves to connect Interstate 80 in Vallejo with Interstate 680 just north of the Benicia @-@ Martinez Bridge in Benicia . Originally , this segment was part of I @-@ 680 before that Interstate was extended and rerouted to Fairfield . The city @-@ maintained Curtola Parkway continues west from I @-@ 80 to State Route 29 in Vallejo .

= = Route description = =

The Interstate 780 state @-@ maintained freeway begins at Lemon Street and Curtola Parkway , quickly crossing underneath I @-@ 80 at a cloverleaf interchange . The freeway passes through parts of unincorporated Solano County , then heads southeast along the Benicia State Recreation Area ( a marsh ) . It then bypasses downtown Benicia through the hills to the north . I @-@ 780 ends at I @-@ 680 at the north end of the Benicia @-@ Martinez Bridge , with I @-@ 680 heading south through the East Bay to San Jose .

= = History = =

By 1914 , a paved county road connected Vallejo and Benicia north of the Carquinez Strait , following the present Maine Street , Benicia Road , Columbus Parkway , and K Street . Although state highways were designated to Benicia in 1910 ( Legislative Route ( LRN ) 7 , now I @-@ 680 ) and Vallejo in 1931 ( LRN 74 , now SR 29 ) , this connection was not added until 1935 , when LRN 74 ( an unsigned designation ) was extended east from Vallejo to Benicia and north along former Route 7 to Fairfield . ( A short spur connecting Vallejo to the Carquinez Bridge was added to Route 74 in 1937 . ) LRN 74 initially entered Benicia on K Street and left on East Fifth Street , making several turns in between . Two realignments were built in the 1940s , reducing the number of turns to one , at the corner of L and East Second Streets .

On September 15 , 1955 , the Bureau of Public Roads approved the Interstate Highway System spurs and connections in urban areas . Among these was a loop around the San Francisco Bay , soon numbered I @-@ 280 and I @-@ 680 . The east half ( I @-@ 680 ) incorporated a number of existing legislative routes , including Routes 69 , 108 , 107 , 75 , and 74 , crossing the Carquinez Strait on the proposed Benicia @-@ Martinez Bridge and ending at I @-@ 80 near downtown Vallejo . The first piece of this freeway north of the Carquinez Strait was at the I @-@ 80 cloverleaf interchange , built in the late 1950s when I @-@ 80 was upgraded through Vallejo . This was an extremely short roadway , beginning at Lemon Street , crossing under I @-@ 80 and Laurel Street , and ending at Reis Avenue and Cedar Street . In about 1960 , it was extended east to the old highway ( Columbus Parkway ) between the cities , and was completed to the new bridge in about 1962 , the year the bridge opened .

In the 1964 renumbering , the legislative designation of the completed Vallejo @-@ Benicia freeway was changed from Route 74 to Route 680 , reflecting its Interstate designation . The short piece of non @-@ freeway in Vallejo , extending west from I @-@ 80 to SR 29 , became State Route 141 . This route followed Benicia Road and Maine Street , the same alignment the state highway had always taken ; it initially connected with I @-@ 780 via Lemon Street , but later followed Benicia Road from I @-@ 80 north of I @-@ 780 . In 1975 , a proposed ( and never constructed ) extension west and north to SR 37 east of the Napa River was added to Route 141 . The route was to be the Waterfront Freeway , scaled down to a boulevard in 1974 .

The Federal Highway Administration approved a relocation of I @-@ 680 onto the State Route 21 freeway between Benicia and Fairfield in July 1973 . To keep the route to Vallejo in the Interstate system , it was renumbered I @-@ 780 ; the corresponding legislative changes were made in 1976 . As part of the project to construct a new northbound Benicia @-@ Martinez Bridge , the I @-@ 680 / I @-@ 780 interchange was rebuilt ; the new span opened in August 2007 . Route 141 was deleted from the state highway system in 1988 , soon after the city of Vallejo constructed Curtola Parkway

over ( replacing Maryland Street ) just to the south , directly connecting I @-@ 780 with a surface road to SR 29 .

= = Exit list = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was in 1964 , based on the alignment of Route 680 as it existed at that time , and do not necessarily reflect current mileage . R reflects a realignment in the route since then , M indicates a second realignment , L refers an overlap due to a correction or change , and T indicates postmiles classified as temporary ( for a full list of prefixes , see the list of postmile definitions ) . Segments that remain unconstructed or have been relinquished to local control may be omitted . The entire route is in Solano County .