

## = New Jersey Route 172 =

Route 172 is a short state highway in New Brunswick , New Jersey , United States . The designation runs along the southernmost leg of George Street , which is county and city @-@ maintained the rest of the way . Route 172 is 0 @. @ 81 miles ( 1 @. @ 30 km ) long , serving as a connector from an interchange with Route 18 to an intersection with County Route 527 . The highway was assigned in the 1950s , when nearby Route 18 was realigned onto a new freeway over Burnet Street in New Brunswick . Route 172 underwent a major upgrade during the reconstruction of Route 18 , including a roundabout at an intersection with CR 617 , and a brand @-@ new interchange with the local lanes of Route 18 .

## = = Route description = =

Route 172 begins at an interchange with the local lanes of Route 18 in the city of New Brunswick . The highway heads northward and passes through the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University . Route 172 then intersects with a local road , which serves the purposes of the university . The highway then progresses towards County Route 617 ( CR 617 ; Ryders Lane ) , which heads southward from a roundabout with Route 172 . Route 172 then turns to the west along George Street . After the roundabout , the highway intersects with Nichol Avenue and Route 172 continues into downtown New Brunswick . There , the highway intersects with Bishop Street , and terminates at an intersection with Commercial Avenue and CR 527 continues along George Street , the right @-@ of @-@ way .

## = = History = =

Route 172 originated as alignment of State Highway Route S @-@ 28 , which was assigned in the 1927 state highway renumbering . In the 1953 renumbering , State Highway Route S @-@ 28 was reassigned as Route 18 . However , just a few years after the designation of NJ 18 in New Brunswick along George Street , construction of a bypass around New Brunswick began . The highway was constructed along Burnet Street , which became state @-@ maintained by the State Highway Department . The route was completed to Route 27 , and Route 18 was moved onto that alignment . The former alignment of Route 18 remained state @-@ maintained up to the intersection with Commercial Avenue , which was eventually re @-@ designated as Route 172 .

When the New Jersey Department of Transportation started construction on upgrading the bypass , the fly @-@ over ramp and on @-@ ramp to and from Route 172 were torn down for construction of a new interchange along a new local / express format . The overpass was closed on October 12 , 2007 to begin the construction . The bridge was built by 1955 and was replaced in 2008 . On January 2 , 2009 , the new exit ramp for Route 18 to Route 172 was reopened to traffic .

## = = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in New Brunswick , Middlesex County .