

= New Jersey Route 59 =

Route 59 , at 0 @. @ 15 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 24 km) long , is the shortest state highway in New Jersey , United States . The route consists entirely of a short block of Lincoln Avenue from Union County Route 610 (known locally as South Avenue) in Cranford to New Jersey Route 28 (known locally as North Avenue) along the Cranford ? Garwood border . The route functions as an underpass under the Raritan Valley Line of New Jersey Transit , under which it crosses about halfway down the block , along the municipal border . Route 59 was originally a proposed alignment of Route 22 , which was supposed to head from an intersection with current day New Jersey Route 159 in Morris County at the Pine Brook Bridge before heading through several counties , terminating at an intersection with New Jersey Route 27 in Rahway . Most of the route was not constructed , and a portion in Garwood and Cranford was re @- @ designated Route 59 in the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering on January 1 , 1953 .

= = Route description = =

Route 59 begins at a four @- @ way intersection with Union County Route 610 (CR 610 ; South Avenue) in the community of Cranford . Route 59 heads northwestward , passing a couple of businesses in both directions . The route crosses under the New Jersey Transit @- @ owned Raritan Valley Line at which point the border of Cranford and Garwood runs along the center of the road . The route continues to the northwest , passing businesses before ending at a signalized T @- @ intersection with Route 28 (North Avenue) . The pavement ends at the intersection though a state @- @ constructed bridge carrying the intersection over a small creek is angled such that a road could continue northwest . Throughout the entire length of the route , it is four lanes wide (two in each direction) . There is no signed speed limit on any portion of the route .

= = History = =

The alignment of Route 59 was designated as part of the proposed State Highway Route 22 in the 1927 renumbering , which was proposed to run from the Pine Brook Bridge over the Passaic River at State Highway Route 6 in Fairfield Township . (This intersection is currently where New Jersey Route 159 currently crosses the bridge .) The route was to continue through parts of Morris , Essex and Union counties , including intersections with State Highway Route 10 at Livingston , U.S. Route 22 (also State Highway Route 29) at Mountainside , State Highway Route 28 at Garwood (where Routes 28 and 59 currently meet) , and terminate in the community of Rahway at State Highway Route 27 . Most of this route was not constructed , except a portion from State Highway Route 28 (North Avenue) in Cranford to South Avenue in Garwood . This portion was renumbered as Route 59 in the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering on January 1 , 1953 so as not to duplicate U.S. Route 22 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Union County .