

= New Jersey Route 24 =

Route 24 is a state highway in New Jersey , United States , that extends 10 @. @ 42 mi ( 16 @. @ 77 km ) from a junction with Interstate 287 in Hanover Township in Morris County , passing southeast through Essex County , and ends at a junction with Interstate 78 in Springfield Township in Union County . The route is a four- to six @- @ lane freeway its entire length .

The route was created in 1927 to run from Phillipsburg to Newark , replacing pre @- @ 1927 Route 12 from Phillipsburg to Penwell and Pre @- @ 1927 Route 5 from Morristown to Newark . The route was extended west to the new Easton ? Phillipsburg Toll Bridge in 1938 but was cut back to U.S. Route 22 in the eastern part of Phillipsburg in 1953 . The western terminus was cut back further around 1970 to Hackettstown with the route west of there becoming part of Route 57 . The freeway alignment of Route 24 between the John F. Kennedy Parkway and Interstate 78 was completed in 1972 .

With the completion of this freeway , Route 24 east of the John F. Kennedy Parkway became Route 124 . The freeway was completed between the abandoned Tri @- @ Borough Road interchange and the JFK Parkway in the 1970s but was not opened until 1992 , when the rest of the freeway to Interstate 287 was completed after years of legal , environmental and budgetary problems . At this time , the alignment of Route 24 between U.S. Route 202 in Morristown and the JFK Parkway became a western extension of Route 124 while the route was officially eliminated between Hackettstown and Morristown as it followed county @- @ maintained routes . The former route between Hackettstown and Morristown is still referred to as Route 24 by many and is still signed as such due to local outcry .

= = Route description = =

= = = Morris County = = =

Route 24 begins at an interchange with Interstate 287 in Hanover Township , Morris County , heading southeast on a six @- @ lane freeway . The route interchanges with County Route 511 ( Whippany Road ) with a westbound exit and eastbound entrance and crosses into Morris Township . Route 24 crosses back into Hanover Township , where it passes over County Route 623 ( Park Avenue ) and narrows to four lanes , and intersects County Route 510 ( Columbia Turnpike ) at a cloverleaf interchange near the Morristown Municipal Airport . Just past this interchange , the freeway crosses into Florham Park , heading southeast and passing through Madison before crossing back into Florham Park . Route 24 passes under Tri @- @ Borough Road and enters Chatham Borough . An abandoned cloverleaf interchange exists at this location , as Tri @- @ Borough Road was to be an extension of the Eisenhower Parkway .

= = = Essex and Union Counties = = =

Route 24 crosses into Millburn Township , Essex County , widens to six lanes , and passes over the Passaic River . In Millburn Township , the route interchanges with Route 124 , County Route 649 ( John F. Kennedy Parkway ) , and River Road . This interchange provides access to The Mall at Short Hills . Past this interchange , Route 124 becomes a frontage road for the Route 24 freeway and the freeway forms the border between the city of Summit in Union County and Millburn Township and interchanges with County Route 657 ( Summit Avenue ) . Route 24 continues along the Summit @- @ Millburn border until it fully enters Millburn and intersects County Route 608 ( Hobart Avenue ) with a westbound exit and eastbound entrance . Past this interchange , the Route 124 frontage road ends , with Route 124 following the freeway closely to the north as a two @- @ way road , and Route 24 crosses into Summit . The freeway interchanges with County Route 512 ( Broad Street ) with a westbound exit and entrance and eastbound exit and County Route 527 ( Morris Avenue ) with an eastbound exit and entrance , entering Springfield Township . Route 24

continues southeast toward its terminus at an interchange with Interstate 78 .

= = History = =

Route 24 was created in 1927 to run from downtown Phillipsburg at the Northampton Street Bridge over the Delaware River east to Route 25 ( now U.S. Route 1 / 9 ) in Newark , replacing Pre @-@ 1927 Route 12 from Phillipsburg to Penwell and Pre @-@ 1927 Route 5 from Morristown to Newark , along with a new proposed alignment between Penwell and Morristown . Two spurs of Route 24 numbered Route S24 were created in 1927 , both of which were renumbered in the 1953 renumbering . The western Route S24 ran northeast from Penwell to Hackettstown , and is now mostly Route 57 . The eastern Route S24 ran from Springfield to Elizabeth , and is now mostly Route 82 . In addition , Route 24N was a planning number for the approach to the new Delaware River crossing ( the Easton ? Phillipsburg Toll Bridge ) in Phillipsburg that opened in 1938 . However , before the bridge opened , Route 24N was instead built simply as an extension of Route 24 . Between 1938 and 1941 , this segment was also designated as part of a rerouted U.S. Route 22 . In the 1953 renumbering , Route 24 ? s western terminus was cut back to U.S. Route 22 in eastern Phillipsburg ( removing the concurrency in that town ) and the incomplete section of Route 24 between Penwell and Long Valley was bridged by signing the route along the former Route S24 and County Route 517 . Around 1970 , Route 24 west of Hackettstown became part of Route 57 .

Plans for the Route 24 freeway go back to 1950 when a bypass of the many congested towns along the route was planned ; this bypass was designated as a freeway in 1952 . In 1959 the freeway was planned on its current alignment , running from Interstate 287 near Morristown to Interstate 78 in Springfield Township , with approval in 1960 . In 1962 , plans were made to extend the Route 24 freeway west to U.S. Route 22 in Phillipsburg . In the 1970s , this western extension was cut back to U.S. Route 206 in Chester . It was put on hold in 1982 , largely because its route was planned through protected wetlands and forests . In 1970 , the Route 24 freeway was planned to become part of a western extension of Interstate 278 , which would have run northwest from its current terminus at U.S. Route 1 / 9 in Linden to Interstate 78 , which it would have followed west for a mile to the Route 24 freeway . However , this proposal was rejected by the Federal Highway Administration .

Construction on the section of the Route 24 freeway between the John F. Kennedy Parkway on the Essex / Morris County border and Interstate 78 began in 1967 and was finished in 1972 . With the completion of this section , the former alignment of Route 24 between the John F. Kennedy Parkway and the boundary between Maplewood and Irvington , including frontage roads built alongside a portion of the freeway in the Short Hills area , was designated as Route 124 . The section across Chatham Borough from the John F. Kennedy Parkway to shortly past the still @-@ existing unused cloverleaf interchange at the Florham Park borough line , once signed as the Tri @-@ Borough Road , a never @-@ built southern extension of the Eisenhower Parkway , was built in 1973 @-@ 74 but not opened as it did not provide any connections to existing roads . Plans were made to finish the rest of the freeway to Interstate 287 ; however construction was halted for many years due to legal , environmental and budgetary problems . Construction finally began on this portion of freeway in 1988 . Route 24 was finally completed through to the intersection with Interstate 287 in Hanover Township on November 17 , 1992 , and at that time the Route 24 designation was limited to strictly that freeway .

Following the completion of the freeway , the former signed route of Route 24 between the junction with U.S. Route 202 in Morristown and the John F. Kennedy Parkway became a western extension of Route 124 . The western portion between Route 57 and Route 182 in Hackettstown and U.S. Route 202 officially had the Route 24 designation removed as the road has always been county @-@ maintained rather than state @-@ maintained . The New Jersey Department of Transportation has tried to remove signs from this section , but locals protested because they know it as Route 24 . Along this route , the road is known as County Route 517 from the Morris County / Warren County border to the Long Valley section of Washington Township , County Route 513 from Long Valley to Chester Borough , and County Route 510 from Chester Borough to Morristown . This route is also

known as Old Route 24 along with its names and county route numbers .

= = Exit list = =