

= New Jersey Route 50 =

Route 50 is a state highway in the southern part of the U.S. state of New Jersey . It runs 26 @. @ 02 mi (41 @. @ 88 km) from an intersection with U.S. Route 9 (US 9) and the Garden State Parkway in Upper Township , Cape May County to an intersection with US 30 and County Route 563 (CR 563) in Egg Harbor City , Atlantic County . The route , which is mostly a two @-@ lane undivided road , passes through mostly rural areas of Atlantic and Cape May counties as well as the communities of Tuckahoe , Corbin City , Estell Manor , and Mays Landing . NJ 50 intersects several roads , including Route 49 in Tuckahoe , US 40 in Mays Landing , and US 322 and the Atlantic City Expressway in Hamilton Township .

The portion of current Route 50 between Seaville and Petersburg received funding in 1910 to become a spur of the Ocean Highway . In 1917 , what is now Route 50 was designated a part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 , a route that was to run from Cape May to Egg Harbor City . Route 50 was designated onto its current alignment in 1927 , replacing this portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 . In 1960 , a freeway was proposed for Route 50 , running from the Garden State Parkway in Dennis Township to US 30 in Mullica Township . This proposal was canceled by the mid @-@ 1970s due to financial and environmental concerns as well as lack of traffic . The interchange between Route 50 and the Atlantic City Expressway was reconstructed into a full interchange , with completion in June 2010 .

= = Route description = =

Route 50 begins at an intersection with US 9 in the Seaville section of Upper Township , Cape May County , heading to the north on a two @-@ lane undivided road . From the southern terminus , a ramp provides access to and from the southbound Garden State Parkway . The road heads north through mostly rural wooded areas with some buildings . It intersects CR 671 in Greenfield before coming to a junction with CR 616 . Later , Route 50 Cedar Swamp Creek in an area of marshland . At this crossing , the road runs closely parallel to a Conrail Shared Assets Operations railroad line before entering Petersburg , where it splits from the railroad tracks and comes to a crossroad with CR 610 . Upon leaving Petersburg , Route 50 turns to the north again and crosses over the Conrail Shared Assets Operations railroad line , intersecting CR 631 . It continues to Tuckahoe and comes to CR 669 . Past this intersection , the route meets CR 557 and CR 664 . Route 50 forms a concurrency with CR 557 and the two routes head north and encounter the eastern terminus of Route 49 before leaving Tuckahoe .

Not far after Route 49 , the road crosses the Tuckahoe River into Corbin City , Atlantic County . In Corbin City , it heads into residential areas , with CR 611 looping to the west of the route . Route 50 and CR 557 continue northwest and intersect CR 648 , where the road turns north into more forested areas . At the junction with CR 645 , the route turns to the northeast and enters Estell Manor , becoming Broad Street . CR 557 splits from Route 50 by heading northwest on Buena Tuckahoe Road and Route 50 heads through some agricultural clearings concurrent with CR 557 Truck , passing to the west of the MacNamara Wildlife Area , which is known as a breeding ground for several species of birds . The route intersects CR 637 , turning to the northeast .

After passing some homes and Stephen Lake , the road turns to the north and passes to the west of Estell Manor County Park . The route crosses the South River into Weymouth Township , passing the residential community of Belcoville to the east and meeting CR 669 . It soon enters Hamilton Township , where the name of the road becomes Mill Street and it comes to a junction with US 40 (Harding Highway) . CR 557 Truck heads to the west on US 40 at this point while Route 50 heads east on US 40 , and CR 616 continues north .

US 40 and NJ 50 follow the Harding Highway , a two @-@ lane undivided road , turning to the northeast and crossing the Great Egg Harbor River . Upon passing over the river , enters Mays Landing and turns north , encountering CR 617 before passing over an abandoned railroad line and heading into the downtown area of Mays Landing . Here , the road crosses CR 559 , and US 40 splits from NJ 50 by turning east along that road . Meanwhile , Route 50 continues north on Cape

May Avenue , passing through developed areas . It leaves Mays Landing and heads into back into forests . The route turns to the northeast , passing near the Clover Leaf Lakes residential development , before coming to an interchange with US 322 (Black Horse Pike) .

Past this interchange , Route 50 widens to a four @-@ lane divided highway and reaches a full interchange with the Atlantic City Expressway . The route becomes a two @-@ lane undivided road again and continues through inhabited areas , crossing into Galloway Township , where there is an intersection with CR 686 . A short distance later , the road crosses New Jersey Transit ? s Atlantic City Line near the Egg Harbor City Station and enters Egg Harbor City , turning into Philadelphia Avenue . A block after the railroad crossing , Route 50 ends at an intersection with US 30 and CR 563 (White Horse Pike) , with CR 563 continuing north on Philadelphia Avenue at this point .

Route 50 is an important route linking the Atlantic City Expressway with the Jersey Shore resorts in Cape May County , serving as an alternate to more congested routes . It also serves as evacuation route from Cape May County to inland areas in the event of a hurricane .

= = History = =

The portion of current Route 50 between Seaville and Petersburg received funding to become a spur of the Ocean Highway in 1910 . The modern @-@ day alignment of Route 50 was legislated as part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 in 1917 , a route that was to run from Cape May to Egg Harbor City . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , the portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 14 between Seaville and Egg Harbor City was designated as Route 50 , the highest state route number assigned in the renumbering . Route 50 retained its current routing in the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering . A freeway was proposed for Route 50 around 1960 , running from the Garden State Parkway in Dennis Township north to US 30 in Mullica Township . This proposed freeway was intended to provide economic development to the region as well as provide a better route to the Jersey Shore resorts of Cape May County for travelers from the Delaware Valley . However , this freeway was canceled by the mid @-@ 1970s due to financial and environmental concerns as well as lack of traffic along Route 50 . On November 21 , 2008 , construction began on making the interchange with the Atlantic City Expressway a full interchange as part of a series of improvements set for the Atlantic City Expressway . This project was completed on June 18 , 2010 .

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