

= New Jersey Route 20 =

Route 20 , known locally as McLean Boulevard , is a state highway that runs 4 @. @ 15 miles (6 @. @ 68 km) in New Jersey , United States . It runs along the east side of Paterson , Passaic County , following the west bank of the Passaic River between U.S. Route 46 and River Street (County Route 504) , at which point County Route 504 begins . It is a four- to six @- @ lane divided highway most of its length that runs through residential and commercial areas of Paterson , intersecting with Interstate 80 and Route 4 at interchanges . The northernmost part of the route is a county @- @ maintained one @- @ way pair that follows 1st and 2nd Avenues .

= = Route description = =

Route 20 begins at an interchange with U.S. Route 46 and County Route 630 (Crooks Avenue) just north of the Garden State Parkway on the border of Clifton and Paterson . The road follows the bend of the Passaic River directly north of Dundee Lake , heading to the north into Paterson as McLean Boulevard , a four @- @ lane divided highway with a 45 mph (72 km / h) speed limit . The route runs in between the Passaic River to the east and two large cemeteries to the west before coming to an interchange with Interstate 80 and Market Street . Past Interstate 80 , Route 20 becomes a six @- @ lane divided highway that heads through a mix of residential and commercial areas .

The next interchange along the route is for Route 4 (Broadway) , with access to both eastbound Route 4 and westbound Broadway from both directions . The road continues further north as a four @- @ lane divided highway with a speed limit of 35 mph (56 km / h) , heading through more urbanized areas of Paterson . It crosses County Route 651 (East 33rd Street / Morlot Avenue) , which crosses the Passaic River to become County Route 78 (Morlot Avenue) in Bergen County .

Route 20 continues to follow the Passaic River as a 45 mph (72 km / h) road through commercial areas , featuring an intersection with County Route 652 (5th Avenue) . Past this intersection , the route proceeds through urban areas , turning west and splitting into a one @- @ way pair . Here , the route becomes county maintained , with the northbound direction following 1st Avenue and the southbound direction following 2nd Avenue before coming to an end at County Route 504 (River Street) .

= = History = =

The present @- @ day routing of Route 20 north of Market Street was legislated in 1927 as part of Route 3 , which was to run from the New York border at Greenwood Lake to Secaucus . In addition , the present day routing south of Route 4 was also legislated as part of that route , which was to run from the George Washington Bridge to Cape May . In 1929 , the western terminus of Route 3 was moved to Paterson as Route S4B (now Route 208) was planned to replace the alignment of Route 3 from Paterson to the New York border . McLean Boulevard through Paterson was built by the 1930s . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 20 was legislated to follow the former alignment of Route 3 between Paterson and East Rutherford as Route 3 was moved to the Route S3 freeway that was built between East Rutherford and Clifton .

Another freeway routing of Route 20 was planned in 1959 . This road , which was to be a six @- @ lane freeway called the Paterson Peripheral , was to run from Clifton north to the existing Route 20 in downtown Paterson . This road was completed between the Garden State Parkway and Valley Road by 1969 and north to Interstate 80 in 1975 . Upon completion , this road received the Route 20 designation . In 1972 , the state took over maintenance of the Paterson Plank Road from Route 3 to Route 17 in East Rutherford and made it a part of the route . As these three sections of Route 20 were not connected , they received three different route designations by the 1990s . The freeway section of Route 20 from the Garden State Parkway to Interstate 80 was designated Route 19 , the section between Route 3 and Route 17 was designated Route 120 , and the Route 20 designation was retained along McLean Boulevard through Paterson . The unfinished section of Route 20 that

was to connect McLean Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road was built as a northern extension of the Route 21 freeway in 2000 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Passaic County .