

= North Carolina Highway 68 =

North Carolina Highway 68 (NC 68) is a north ? south state highway in North Carolina . It serves as a connector between Interstate 40 (I @-@ 40) and Piedmont Triad International Airport (via Bryan Boulevard) . On its routing from Thomasville to Stokesdale , NC 68 passes through urban High Point , the western outskirts of Greensboro , and the town of Oak Ridge . The segment from just north of the I @-@ 40 interchange to Pleasant Ridge Road in Guilford County is a limited access freeway .

= = Route description = =

Beginning in the south at Business I @-@ 85 / US 29 / US 70 , the route travels north out of Thomasville in Davidson County as National Highway , a name which referred to the former routing of US 29 / 70 (later US 29A / 70A) along this segment . Crossing from Davidson County into neighboring Guilford County and the city of High Point , NC 68 is cosigned with English Road . Approximately one mile within the city limits , NC 68 turns left onto Westchester Drive , a boulevard that bypasses High Point 's downtown area . Arriving at the Main Street interchange , the city 's busiest , NC 68 continues onto Eastchester Drive , another boulevard . After passing Oak Hollow Mall , I @-@ 74 / US 311 (High Point East Belt) , and the Wendover Avenue interchange , NC 68 and Eastchester Drive continue north into neighboring Greensboro .

Shortly after entering Greensboro , NC 68 meets Interstate 40 / US 421 , and becomes a limited access freeway after a traffic signal at Triad Center Drive . Continuing north as a divided four @-@ lane highway , NC 68 has junctions with W. Market Street (Colfax exit) and Bryan Boulevard , the exit for Piedmont Triad International Airport . The road downgrades to an undivided primary road at the Pleasant Ridge Road junction . From there , the route heads north through the heart of Oak Ridge , North Carolina , passing the Oak Ridge Military Academy at the route 's intersection with NC 150 . After crossing the Haw River into Stokesdale , NC 68 crosses US 158 and joins NC 65 for a short 1 @-@ mile (1 @.@ 6 km) concurrency , before splitting to the northeast en route to its northern terminus at NC 220 in Rockingham County .

= = History = =

The first NC 68 was an original state highway that traversed from NC 60 , in Millers Creek (west of Wilkesboro) , northwest through Glendale Springs , Jefferson and Crumpler , before crossing into Virginia . By 1928 , NC 68 was rerouted west of Jefferson onto new primary routing west to the Tennessee state line ; the old alignment becoming NC 681 . In 1929 , all of NC 68 was replaced by an extension of NC 16 .

The second and current NC 68 was established in 1930 as a new primary routing from US 70 / US 170 / NC 10 , northeast of High Point , to NC 65 , in Stokesdale . In 1936 , NC 68 was rerouted south through High Point to US 29A / US 70A (Lexington Avenue) ; its old alignment , along Penny Road , became a secondary road . In 1941 , NC 68 was extended north on new primary routing to US 220 (Sylvania Road) .

In 1952 , NC 68 was extended north to its current terminus with US 220 , replacing part of old US 220 . Between 1950 @-@ 1953 , NC 68 was extended south to English Street . In 1956 or 1957 , NC 68 was extended to its current southern terminus , sharing a concurrency with US 29A / US 70A , until 1991 . In 1982 , NC 68 was placed on new freeway connecting I @-@ 40 and the Piedmont Triad International Airport , its old alignment along Bull Road (today 's Regional Road) a secondary road .

= = Future = =

Future NCDOT plans call for the construction of a new four @-@ lane highway connecting NC 68 and US 220 . Starting with a new interchange with I @-@ 73 (near Pleasant Ridge Road) ,

improvements will be made along a short section of existing NC 68 before going northwest onto new construction that will bypass east of Oak Ridge and connect with US 220 in Summerfield . This section will become part of I @-@ 73 . North of Oak Ridge , safety improvements are to be done between East Harrell Road (SR 2111) and Bartonshire Drive (SR 4831) . The estimated cost is \$ 1 @. @ 96 million . Property acquisition is expected to start in December 2014 .

= = Junction list = =