

= New Jersey Route 45 =

Route 45 is a state highway in the southern part of New Jersey , United States . It runs 28 @. @ 51 mi (45 @. @ 88 km) from Route 49 in Salem , Salem County , northeast to U.S. Route 130 (US 130) in Westville , Gloucester County . Much of the southern part of the route runs through rural areas of Salem and Gloucester counties , passing through the communities of Woodstown and Mullica Hill . North of Mullica Hill , Route 45 runs through suburban areas , with the portion of the route between the northern border of Mantua Township and the southern border of Woodbury a four @- @ lane divided highway . The route intersects many highways , including US 40 in Woodstown , Route 77 and US 322 in Mullica Hill , and Interstate 295 (I @- @ 295) in West Deptford Township .

The current route was originally a segment of pre @- @ 1927 Route 6 that was created in 1917 , running from Salem to Camden . Route 45 was designated in 1927 to replace the Salem @- @ Camden branch of pre @- @ 1927 Route 6 and was eventually realigned to follow US 130 (Crescent Boulevard) to the Airport Circle in Pennsauken Township . The northern terminus of Route 45 was moved to its current location in 1953 in order to avoid the concurrency with US 130 . A freeway for Route 45 between I @- @ 295 in Woodbury and US 322 in Mullica Hill was recommended by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in the 1960s . It was never built , and the New Jersey Department of Transportation proposed widening all of Route 45 into a four @- @ lane divided highway ; only a small portion in northern Gloucester County was widened .

= = Route description = =

= = = Salem County = = =

Route 45 begins at an intersection with Route 49 in Salem , Salem County , heading to the north on Market Street , a two @- @ lane undivided road . It passes downtown businesses and both the Salem County Courthouse and the Old Salem County Courthouse , the second oldest active courthouse in the United States , which currently serves as the Salem City Court . Upon crossing County Route 657 (CR 657) , the road heads into residential areas before crossing a Southern Railroad of New Jersey railroad line and the Fenwick Creek . At the crossing of the latter , Route 45 enters Mannington Township and becomes an unnamed road that passes marshland with some development . The route passes by the Memorial Hospital of Salem County just prior to an intersection with CR 540 in Pointers .

Here , Route 45 turns to the east and forms a concurrency with CR 540 , passing through farmland with some woods and homes . CR 540 splits from Route 45 by heading southeast on Welchville Road and Route 45 continues , intersecting CR 653 before crossing the Mannington Creek . It intersects CR 669 and CR 631 within a short distance of each other before crossing Majors Run into Pilesgrove Township .

Here , the route intersects CR 679 near the Salem County Veterans Cemetery before heading through more agricultural areas . The route reaches an intersection with US 40 (Harding Highway) and CR 616 in a business area , where US 40 forms a concurrency with Route 45 . The two routes head northeast into Woodstown as the Harding Highway into residential areas .

At the intersection with Main Street in downtown , Route 45 splits from US 40 by heading north on Main Street while CR 672 heads south on Main Street and US 40 continues to the east on East Avenue . Route 45 continues north , intersecting CR 636 before turning northeast again and meeting CR 602 . The road passes over a Southern Railroad of New Jersey line before coming to an intersection with CR 668 / CR 617 . A short distance later , the route enters Pilesgrove Township again and heads back into farmland with some residences and forested areas as an unnamed road , crossing CR 660 .

= = = Gloucester County = = =

Route 45 crosses Oldmans Creek into South Harrison Township , Gloucester County within woodland and continues through rural areas with some residential developments as Woodstown @-@ Mullica Hill Road . The route crosses CR 668 before crossing CR 694 and CR 607 within a close distance of each other . Past this intersection , it continues to CR 617 , where the name changes to Woodstown Road , before crossing CR 538 . A short distance later , the route enters Harrison Township and continues north . It enters the community of Mullica Hill , where it intersects the northern terminus of Route 77 . Here , Route 45 turns north and becomes Main Street , passing homes and some businesses and turning into a county @-@ maintained road . The route intersects Mullica Road , at which point it becomes concurrent with unsigned US 322 Bus . / CR 536 .

In Mullica Hill , the road crosses US 322 and CR 536A , where US 322 Bus. ends and CR 536 turns west along US 322 , and Route 45 continues northeast along Main Street , passing residential and commercial development as a state @-@ maintained road . The route intersects CR 664 , CR 603 , CR 667 , and CR 624 before crossing into Mantua Township , where it becomes Bridgeton Pike . The road heads through a mix of woods and farms with occasional homes , intersecting CR 626 . The route passes more rural land before heading into suburban development .

Here , Route 45 intersects CR 627 and CR 678 as it passes a mix of homes and businesses . The route intersects CR 632 , where the name changes to Mantua Pike , and CR 553 Alt. before widening into a four @-@ lane divided highway and crossing the Mantua Creek . At this point , Route 45 turns to the north and forms the border between Deptford Township to the east and West Deptford Township to the west , intersecting CR 648 and CR 656 . At the intersection with College Boulevard , the route forms the border between Woodbury Heights to the east and West Deptford Township to the west , crossing over the New Jersey Turnpike without an interchange . From here , Route 45 continues north , intersecting CR 652 and CR 650 .

After the intersection with the latter , the route becomes a four @-@ lane undivided road , entering Woodbury and immediately crossing a Conrail Shared Assets Operations railroad line . The road crosses another railroad line before coming to an intersection with CR 551 . Here , Route 45 forms a concurrency with CR 551 and heads north @-@ northeast on Broad Street through the downtown of Woodbury , where it intersects CR 663 . Route 45 and CR 551 cross the Woodbury Creek out of the downtown area and intersect CR 644 near Inspira Medical Center Woodbury . From here , the route continues past a mix of residences and businesses as a two @-@ lane undivided road . CR 551 splits from Route 45 by heading east on Park Avenue then north on Broadway .

Meanwhile , Route 45 continues north along the border between Deptford Township to the east and Woodbury to the west , with a Conrail Shared Assets Operations railroad line closely paralleling the route on its east side . At the intersection with CR 642 , the road forms the border between Deptford Township and West Deptford Township again . The route widens into a four @-@ lane divided highway as it comes to a partial interchange with I @-@ 295 , with some of the movements provided by nearby CR 551 to the east . Past this interchange , Route 45 becomes a four @-@ lane undivided highway and enters Westville . Here , it continues parallel to the railroad line to the east with businesses lining the west side of the road . Route 45 passes residential areas before it comes to its northern terminus at a directional Y @-@ intersection with US 130 .

= = History = =

What is now Route 45 was originally designated as a segment of pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 in 1917 . This route was to head south from Camden and follow Route 45 to Mullica Hill , where it split into two branches , with one going to Salem on current Route 45 and another going to Bridgeton on current Route 77 . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 between Camden and Salem became Route 45 . A bypass around Camden was created as the southern half of Crescent Boulevard , a part of US 130 , and Route 45 was rerouted to use the bypass up to the Airport Circle in Pennsauken Township . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , the northern terminus of Route 45 was cut back to its current location in Westville to avoid the concurrency with US 130 .

In the late 1960s , the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) proposed

construction of a 10 @-@ mile (16 km) long , \$ 20 million freeway along the Route 45 corridor in Gloucester County which would have extended from Exit 24 of I @-@ 295 in Woodbury to a planned US 322 freeway in Mullica Hill . The New Jersey Department of Transportation never followed through on this proposal . A portion of Route 45 was widened to four lanes from the border of Woodbury to the border of Mantua Township by the 1980s . In 2012 , the Mullica Hill Bypass was completed , and US 322 was removed from its concurrency with Route 45 .

= = Major intersections = =

= = Future = =

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is planning on rebuilding Route 45 in Woodbury to make it more friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists . The project calls for reducing the road from four lanes to three lanes while adding bike lanes , curb extensions to improve safety for pedestrians , and improvements to curb ramps and crosswalks . It is currently in the design stage .