

= New Jersey Route 54 =

Route 54 ( known locally as 12th Street ) is a state highway located in Atlantic County in New Jersey , United States . It is considered to be a southern extension of U.S. Route 206 ( US 206 ) , running 11 @.@ 86 mi ( 19 @.@ 09 km ) from an intersection with US 206 and US 30 in Hammonton to an intersection with US 40 in Buena Vista Township . The road passes through the center of Hammonton before running into rural areas . It intersects US 322 and Route 73 in Folsom and the Atlantic City Expressway in Hammonton .

What is now Route 54 was originally legislated in 1938 to run from US 30 / US 206 in Hammonton south to Main Road in Landis Township ( part of present @-@ day Vineland ) . The only part taken over as a state highway and designated Route 54 was north of US 40 in Buena , the proposed route south of this point remained as county @-@ maintained Lincoln Avenue . In 1953 , Route 54 was defined onto its current alignment . A freeway was proposed along the Route 54 corridor in the late 1960s to connect the southern terminus of US 206 in Hammonton to Route 55 in the Vineland / Millville area ; it was eventually canceled .

= = Route description = =

Route 54 begins at an intersection with US 40 / County Route 557 ( CR 557 ) and CR 619 on the border of Buena and Buena Vista Township . Known as Buena Hammonton Road , it proceeds north @-@ northeast as a two @-@ lane undivided road through agricultural areas , forming the border between Buena to the west and Buena Vista Township to the east . After fully entering Buena Vista Township and becoming 12th Street , the road reaches an intersection with CR 690 and makes a turn more to the northeast . At this point , Route 54 enters forested areas , with a few breaks for residences . Upon entering Folsom , the route passes over a Conrail Shared Assets Operations railroad line before coming to a cloverleaf interchange with US 322 ( Black Horse Pike ) . After this interchange , the road comes to a crossroads with Route 73 , which is signed as County Route 561 Spur . Following this intersection , Route 54 heads through a mix of woods and farm fields as it enters Hammonton and reaches an interchange with the Atlantic City Expressway . In the area of this interchange , the route is a four @-@ lane divided highway .

Past the Atlantic City Expressway , the two @-@ lane undivided road comes to an intersection with CR 559 . From this point , Route 54 is lined with residences and businesses as it comes into downtown Hammonton . The road crosses New Jersey Transit ? s Atlantic City Line immediately before a junction with CR 561 . After CR 561 , the route becomes Bellevue Avenue and encounters the western terminus of CR 542 . As the road leaves the downtown area , the surroundings become more residential . Route 54 ends at an intersection with US 30 and US 206 , where the road continues north as US 206 .

= = History = =

By 1927 , what is now Route 54 was an unnumbered , unpaved road connecting Buena to Hammonton . Route 54 was legislated in 1938 to run from US 30 / Route 43 and US 206 / Route 39 in Hammonton south along Lincoln Avenue to an intersection with Main Road in Landis Township , Cumberland County ( now a part of Vineland ) . The only portion of Route 54 that was taken over as a state highway was north of the US 40 / Route 48 intersection in Buena . The portion of Lincoln Avenue south of US 40 remained a county route called CR 25 in Cumberland County and CR 55 and CR 19 in Atlantic County . This road is presently both Cumberland and Atlantic CRs 655 and a part of Atlantic CR 619 . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 54 was defined onto its current alignment between US 40 in Buena Vista and US 30 / US 206 in Hammonton . In the late 1960s , a freeway was proposed for the US 206 / Route 54 corridor , running from US 30 in Hammonton south to Route 55 and the proposed Route 60 near Vineland and Millville . The freeway between Vineland / Millville and Hammonton was to cost \$ 47 million and was intended to provide a better route between the two areas than the existing two @-@ lane roads . This proposed freeway

was never built due to environmental and financial issues .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Atlantic County .