**Maine’s National Highway System (NHS)**

The National Highway System was created by US Congress in 1990. It consists of roadways important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility. The NHS was developed by the US Department of Transportation (DOT) in cooperation with the states, local officials, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

Maine’s NHS meets national defense requirements and serves interstate and interregional travel and consists of:  
1) interconnected urban and rural principal arterials and highways (including toll facilities) which serve major population centers,   
2) international border crossings,   
3) ports & airports,   
4) public transportation facilities & other intermodal transportation facilities and,  
5) other major travel destinations  
6) all Intermodal Connectors

**Interstate System**  
all routes are part of the NHS

**Non-Interstate routes**

**US Routes  
US Route 1** from Brunswick easterly along the midcoast through Camden, Belfast, Bucksport, and terminating at US Rt 1A (High St) in Ellsworth.  
A second portion runs from Route 103 in Kittery northerly to Route 236.  
A third portion runs from I-95 in Houlton northerly to the International Bridge in Ft Kent.  
A fourth portion runs from Route 9 in Baring southerly to Route 190 in Perry.  
Calais-St Stephen Int’n’l Border Crossing – from US Route 1 west to Int’n’l border

**US Route 1A** from US Route 1 in Stockton Springs north through Hampden, Brewer, and Bangor and then southeast through Holden to US Route 1 in Ellsworth  
A second portion runs from the ME/NH border in Kittery northerly to US Route 1.

**US Route 2** from Maine’s western border in Gilead easterly through Bethel, Rumford, Farmington, Skowhegan, to Newport.

**US Route 201** from I-95 Ex it 133 in Fairfield northerly through Skowhegan and Jackman to the US/Canadian border.

**US Route 202** from Route 25 in Gorham westerly through Buxton, Sanford, and Lebanon to the ME/NH border

**US Route 302** from I-295 Exit 6 at Forest Avenue in Portland northerly through Windham, Bridgton, and Fryeburg to the ME/NH border.

**State routes  
State Route 3** from I-95 Exit # 113 inAugusta easterly through China to US Route 1 in Belfast

**State Route 4** from Washington Street in Auburnnortherly through Livermore and Jay to US Route 2 in Wilton.

**State Route 9** from US Route 1A (Wilson Street) in Brewer easterly through Amherst/Aurora to the intersection with US Route 1 in Baring on the eastern border.

**State Route 15 Business** (South Main Street) in Brewer from US Route 1A (Wilson Street) southerly to I-395.

**State Route 24** from US Route 1 in Brunswick south to Forrestal Drive

**State Route 25** from US Route 202 in Gorham easterly through Westbrook, along the Westbrook Arterial, past the Maine Turnpike Exit 47 to Brighton Avenue, then into Portland on Brighton Avenue and Bedford Street to Forest Ave (US Route 302).

**State Route 26** from the Turnpike Exit 63 in Gray northerly through Oxford/Paris to US Route 2 in Bethel.

**State Route 103** in Kittery from US Route 1 easterly toPortsmouth Naval Shipyard entrance.

**State Route 109** from Turnpike I-95 Exit 19 in Wells northwesterly to US Route 202 in Sanford.

**State Route 111** from Turnpike I-95 Exit 32 ramp in Biddeford westerly through Arundel and Lyman to US Route 202 in Alfred.

**State Route 190** from Route 1 in Perry southeasterly through Pleasant Point Reservation to its terminus with Water Street in Eastport.

**State Route 196** from US Route 1 in Brunswick northerly through Lisbon to US Route 202 in Lewiston

**State Route 236** in Kittery from Turnpike Exit 2 easterly to US Route 1

**Intermodal Connectors**

These are roads that provide access between major intermodal facilities and the other four subsystems making up the National Highway System. In Maine, they exist in Bangor, Portland, Auburn, and Ellsworth to Trenton. Specific details can be found at:

[**http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national\_highway\_system/intermodal\_connectors/maine.cfm**](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national_highway_system/intermodal_connectors/maine.cfm)