

New Jersey



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New Jersey Turnpike Authority New Jersey Turnpike

Construction of the 148-mile New Jersey Turnpike began in January 1950 and was completed in 23 months. Fifty years later the New Jersey Turnpike is one of the most densely traveled roadways in the nation with an average daily traffic (ADT) of 680,000 vehicles.

The turnpike was built on soil that ranged from clay to marshland. Contractors placed an 8-inch macadam base topped by 4.5 inches of hot-mix asphalt. An under-drain was installed in the shoulder areas along the roadway.

In September 2001, the New Jersey Turnpike became the first road ever to receive the Perpetual Pavement designation. The New Jersey Historical Society celebrated the road's half-century of service with a special gala at which the award was presented.