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NYS Route 101, Port Washington Boulevard and Middle Neck Road

Since this route is a major road through Flower Hill, this report would not be complete without its history.

The route number, 101 was first applied in 1930, when New York State renumbered and added additional numbers to highways. Port Washington Boulevard/Middle Neck Road went from Astor Lane in Sands Point through Flower Hill until it arrived at Northern Boulevard, Route 25 A.

Mayor Harold Shouse of Flower Hill stated that the design for the "improved" road was poorly engineered. In the early part of 1959, the Nassau County "Master Plan" included Port Washington Boulevard and Middle Neck Road. Since many residents expressed concern that this improved road would bring more congestion to the area, the original plan was halted

Back in the early, 1950's, route 101 was designed to be part of the West Nassau Expressway.

It was to start in Freeport, go through Roslyn, up through our Village into Sands Point. The proposed plan caused major complaints from residents and adjoining villages. The proposed 11.5 mile expressway was cancelled. The money allotted to this project was used to extend Meadowbrook State Parkway northward. Since that time there have been other proposals such as having NYS101 connect to Sunrise Highway and a bridge joining Sands Point to New Rochelle on into Westchester. These proposals were shelved.

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Wikipedia. New York Route 101