

Meetings held at the
Federal Aviation Administration
William J. Hughes Technical Center
Atlantic City International Airport, NJ 08405

1 Introduction:

There is really no way to get to the FAA Technical Center other than driving. There is no public transportation to the FAA Technical Center, although the trains to Atlantic City pass right by on the North side of the runway (there's no station there).

The roads in our area are, to say the least, confusing. This is largely because the Atlantic City Expressway and the Garden State Parkway were built around an existing 'rats nest' of smaller roads. If ever the phrase, "You can't get there from here" applied anywhere, it applies here.

Some notes may be helpful. There are three main roads into Atlantic City. The Black Horse Pike (Rt.40/322), the White Horse Pike (Rt.30), and the Atlantic City Expressway. Two county roads run diagonally across these highways: Delilah Road (County Route 646) and Tilton Road (County Route 563). The Garden State Parkway runs North to South, and cuts across all of these roads, although not necessarily sharing intersections with them. All of these roads (except the Black Horse Pike) actually are adjacent to, or run through the FAA Technical Center's (and AC International Airport) massive boundaries.

The NAFEC Circle, which is named for our facility (it used to be called NAFEC), is at the intersection of Delilah and Tilton Roads. The access road to the Airport and Technical Center also intersects at this circle.

The other [semi]-circle you may encounter is the Cardiff Circle area. This once was the intersection of the Black Horse Pike (Rt 40/322) with Tilton Road and Washington Avenue. Tilton Road and Washington Avenue both end (at least temporarily) at this reconstructed semi-circle. As the new road exists, Rt.40/322 passes directly through, and to get to either Tilton or Washington you must now turn at the traffic light beside the McDonalds.

While people hate circles, there used to be even more circles in the vicinity. These were replaced with other New Jersey favorites: Traffic lights, jug-handles, and left turn lanes.

If you ever need help with directions, it is likely that people will NOT know the name of the FAA Technical Center, as it has *only* been called that for 30 years now. Instead, you may need to call it by the old name, NAFEC (pronounced Nay-Fehk). Everybody knows where that is. (That stood for the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center, by the way.)

Because these roads all run across each other, my directions may seem more than confusing if you compare one set to the other. They are correct, though. Tilton Road, for instance, runs southeast from the NAFEC Circle to near the Black Horse Pike (Cardiff semi-Circle Intersection), and then co-exists with Rt.40/322 for about a mile, and then separates in front of the Shore Mall. Delilah Road runs east from the NAFEC Circle to intersect Rt.30 on your way down near the Atlantic City Marina, where you will find the Harrah's, Borgata and Golden Nugget Casinos. Welcome to New Jersey!

Check out the map at the back of these directions for a better idea of how these roads cross.

2 DIRECTIONS:

2.1 FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: (about 1.5 hours from the FAA Technical Center)

Exit the airport for I-95 North. Exit I-95 at the Walt Whitman Bridge Exit and take the bridge eastward into New Jersey (this will be I-76 east, but it's not necessarily clearly marked that way.) [This is a toll bridge, but there is no toll heading east into New Jersey. You'll have to pay \$5.00 to get out of New Jersey, when you head back to the Airport.] Stay OUT of the right lane as you cross the bridge. You will continue on straight, which is I-76/Rt.42, the North-South Freeway. Basically, just go straight towards Atlantic City. After the exit for I-295, the highway becomes NJ State Highway #42. Keep going straight towards Atlantic City. Eventually, the roadway splits into two, with the left two lanes becoming the Atlantic City Expressway, and the right two lanes continuing on East as Rt.42. On your way to Atlantic City you'll pass through the \$3.00 toll plaza (at milepost 17) on the AC Expressway.

2.1.1 To the FAA WJH Technical Center:

Take the Atlantic City Expressway East to Exit 9 (which will be another \$0.75 toll – exact change or EZ-PASS required). At the dead-end traffic light, turn left onto Delilah Road.

2.1.1.1 NAFEC Circle

At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the FAA WJH Technical Center. This is the only 4 lane road off of the circle.

2.1.1.2 FAA Security

Stay to the right. One (1) mile off the Circle, and just before the traffic light to the airport, there is a lane on the right for visitors. Stop by the FAA Security Operations Center (SOC) building, where they will issue you an escorted visitor's badge. Every person needs a badge. All attendees that do not have a DOT Badge (Escorted Visitor) must be escorted by a member with a DOT Badge (FAA). An Escorted Visitor must either use a WJHTC Bus to get to the Meeting in Building 300, or be picked up at the outside of the rear of the SOC by someone with a DOT/FAA badge and driven to Bldg 300.

2.1.2 To the Days Inn, Clarion Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn, Quality Inn, Best Western, and Residence Inn (7 nearby hotels we suggest):

Remain on the Atlantic City Expressway and exit (Exit 7S) onto the Garden State Parkway southbound. Take the 1st exit (Exit 37) which is labeled something like Washington Avenue / Pleasantville. Make a left at the traffic light onto Washington Ave. Make a right at the first traffic light onto Fire Road. At the next traffic light, (which is the Black Horse Pike / Rt.40/322), go straight ahead on Fire Road toward Tilton Road and the newest Marriott Residence Inn is on your left between Rt.40/322 and Tilton Road. If you continue south on Fire Road, the Days Inn is on the right corner of Fire and Tilton. If instead of crossing Rt.40/322, you turn left onto Rt.40/322, then the other five hotels are East bound on Rt.40/322. The Clarion, Holiday Inn Express and Baymont Inn will be on your right on the Black Horse Pike about a half mile after the turn off of Fire Road and onto Rt.40/322, eastbound. The Quality Inn and Best Western Suites will be another quarter mile east on Rt.40/322 on your left and right respectively.

Alternately, you can get to the Days Inn (only) by exiting the Garden State Parkway at the 2nd exit, which is Exit 36, and is labeled something like Rt.40/322 Atlantic City (even though you can't get to that road from this exit). This exit will put you on Tilton Road heading east. You must quickly get into the left lane after you exit onto Tilton Road, as the Days Inn will be on the left almost immediately after you go under the Parkway overpass. There is a left turn lane to enter the hotel and Shore Diner. You CANNOT turn left at the next traffic light, so be sure not to miss this turn lane.

2.1.3 To get to the Homewood Suites, or Econo-Lodge

Exit the Atlantic City Expressway at Exit 9. Turn right at the light, onto west bound Delilah Road (County route 646). After less than a mile, you will see a left turn sign for County Rt.575 and the English Creek Road. Turn left onto English Creek Avenue. At the next light (which is Rt.40/322), if you are going to the Econo-Lodge, turn left again. If you are going to the Homewood Suites, go through the light at Rt.40/322 and the Homewood Suites is on the left about a 100 yards. If you somehow miss the turn onto English Creek Avenue and end up at the Philadelphia Childrens Hospital annex, then turn left there onto eastbound Rt.40/322. The Econo-Lodge is several miles eastward on Rt.40/322 and the Homewood Suites is on English Creek Avenue. If you get to the Cardiff semi-Circle, you missed both places. Go through the stop light at the Shore Mall, perform a “dog-leg” jug-handle U-Turn and go back west on Rt.40/322, and try again.

2.1.4 To the Hampton Inn, Marriott Fairfield Inn (or others) in Absecon:

Exit the Atlantic City Expressway at Exit 12 (Route 40 – Mays Landing). Turn left at the stop sign (be sure to stop! It’s not easy to see it’s coming) onto Wrangleboro Road (Rt.575). The airport you pass on the way is the boundaries of the Atlantic City Airport / FAA Technical Center. Turn right at the 2nd traffic light onto the White Horse Pike (Rt.30) headed East. Continue East on Rt.30 for quite some distance. There are numerous other hotels on Rt.30 as you drive East under the Garden State Parkway. Not long (perhaps another traffic light or two) after you pass under the Garden State Parkway (the only underpass you’ll encounter), the Hampton Inn will be on your right. It’s right next to the Denny’s. The Marriott Fairfield Inn is another couple miles east on Rt.30.

2.1.5 To get to the hotel/casinos in Atlantic City:

Continue East on the Atlantic City Expressway until you get to Atlantic City. You will be entering Atlantic City at what is referred to as “mid-town.” Almost directly in front of you as you enter the city is Caesars Hotel-Casino. Somewhat south (right) is the Trump Plaza Hotel-Casino. Much farther south (right) is the Tropicana, followed at the south end of town with the Atlantic Club Hotel-Casino. The Atlantic Club is also just off the east end of Rt.40/322 (Albany Avenue) where it ends near the boardwalk and ocean.

Entering mid-town on the AC Expressway, go north (left) for the following Hotel-Casinos in order from south to north-most: Bally’s Park Place, Resorts, Trump Taj Mahal, Showboat and Revel. Remember that Harrah’s, Borgata and Golden Nugget Marina Hotel-Casinos are off of Rt.30 in the AC Marina. Try on-line reservations located at the web site: <http://www.atlanticcitynj.com/hotels/cashotels.html>

2.2 FROM WASHINGTON DC, BALTIMORE, AND POINTS SOUTH OF NEW JERSEY:

2.2.1 To the FAA Technical Center, Atlantic City Airport

Take I-95 North into Delaware, and stay with the right fork of the road toward the Delaware Memorial Bridge and NJ Turnpike, toward I-295 and into New Jersey, and then follow signs to Rt.40 to Atlantic City. Once on Rt.40, if you are careful to observe the turns, after an hour or so, you’ll pass through Mays Landing and then you will get to the place where Rt.40 joins Rt.322. This is a big intersection with traffic lights, and a huge shopping mall [Hamilton] straight ahead. Keep right at this intersection and merge into Rt.40/322 heading east towards Atlantic City. Stay in the rightmost lane and just after the first light you go through, turn right onto the “jughandle.” Once you go through the light and back cross Rt.40/322, stay right and follow the signs to the Atlantic City Expressway east. Pay the \$0.75 exact change toll (or EZ-PASS) and proceed to the FAA Technical Center or Hotels as described above in Section 2.1.

2.3 FROM POINTS SOUTH OF NEW JERSEY VIA CAPE MAY, NJ:

If you're coming from the south, it may be more convenient (or fun) to drive to Lewes, Delaware, and then take the Cape May – Lewes Ferry to New Jersey. Once you arrive at the Cape May Ferry dock, follow the signs to get onto the Garden State Parkway (GSP) north bound. The GSP is a toll road. You will find information on rates and crossing schedules for the Ferry at web site: <http://www.capemay-lewesferry.com>. The crossing itself takes about 1 hour, but those with reservations must check in 30 minutes ahead of departure or loose their reservation.

2.3.1 To get to the FAA Technical Center:

Continue on the GSP north bound, and take the Atlantic City Expressway, Exit #38 west towards Philadelphia (NOT east towards Atlantic City). Take Exit 9 [a \$0.75 exact change toll or EZ-PASS]. Make a right onto Delilah Road headed East. At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off of the Circle, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the FAA WJH Technical Center. This is the only 4 lane road off of the circle.

2.3.2 To get to the Days Inn, Clarion Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn, Quality Inn and Residence Inn:

Exit the GSP at Exit 36 (we think it's marked something like Atlantic City via 322). It's the exit before the Atlantic City Expressway exits. At the end of the ramp, make a left at the traffic light onto Fire Road. There is a traffic light for a shopping center, and then the next light is for Tilton Road. The Days Inn is on the far left corner here. To get to the other six hotels, continue north on Fire Road. The Marriott Residence Inn will be prior to Rt.40/322 on your right. At the traffic light, which will be the Black Horse Pike, Rt.40/322, make a right turn there for the Clarion, Holiday Inn Express and Baymont Inn, which will be about a half mile east on your right. The Quality Inn and Best Western Suites is another quarter mile east on Rt.40/322 on the left and right respectively. You will have to go past the Quality Inn and make a U-Turn at the light. The Best Western Suites is on the right side a few hundred yards further East.

2.3.3 To get to the Homewood Suites, or Econo-Lodge

Exit the GSP at Exit 36 (we think it's marked something like Atlantic City via 322). It's the exit before the Atlantic City Expressway exits. At the end of the ramp, make a left at the traffic light onto Fire Road. There is a traffic light for a shopping center, and then the next light is for Tilton Road. Turn left onto Tilton and left again at the next light at the Shore Mall. Follow Rt.40/322 West. The Econo-Lodge will be a half mile further West, on the left. You will have to "U" turn to get into the Econo-Lodge, since it is on the east bound side of the divided highway Rt.40/322. If going to the Homewood Suites, then continue West on Rt.40/322 through several traffic lights until you get to English Creek Avenue and turn left. Homewood Suites will be on the left about 100 yards after turning left onto English Creek Avenue.

2.4 FROM THE NEWARK INT'L AIRPORT and POINTS NORTH:

Come out of the Airport and head south on the NJ Turnpike, to exit #11. Take the Garden State Parkway South. Continue on [paying occasional tolls] until you get to the Atlantic City Expressway, about 120 miles.

2.4.1 To get to the FAA Technical Center:

Take the first Atlantic City Expressway exit #38 west, towards Philadelphia. Take Exit 9 [a \$0.75 exact change toll or EZ-PASS]. Make a right onto Delilah Road. At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the Technical Center. This is the only 4 lane road off of the circle.

2.4.2 To get to the Days Inn, Clarion Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn Quality Inn, and Best Western Suites

You're already on the Parkway heading South. Follow the directions at 2.1.2 above, remembering to take the first exit (Exit 37) AFTER the Atlantic City Expressway exit #38 to Atlantic City.

2.5 TO THE FAA TECHNICAL CENTER FROM THE HOTELS:

2.5.1 To the FAA Technical Center from the Days Inn:

If you come out of the parking lot to the right of the Shore Diner, then turn right out of the parking lot onto Tilton Road. Or, if you come out of the parking lot to the rear of the Shore Diner and onto Fire Road, then turn right onto Fire Road, then turn right again onto Tilton at the traffic light on the corner. At the next light, with the Shore Mall on your left, turn left onto the Black Horse Pike (Rt.40/322) heading west. Then follow the directions as from the Clarion and other hotels just below.

2.5.2 To the FAA Technical Center from the Residence Inn by Marriott:

The Residence Inn by Marriott sits just off Fire Road and in between Rt.40/322 and Tilton Roads. Come out of the parking lot and turn right onto Fire Road heading toward Rt.40/322. Turn left onto Rt.40/322 and proceed toward the Cardiff semi-Circle area. Then follow the directions as from the Clarion and other hotels just below.

2.5.3 To the FAA Technical Center from the Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn, Quality Inn, and Best Western Suites:

The overall objective is to go west on Rt.40/322 to the Cardiff Circle area and then get onto Tilton Road to come out to the NAFEC Circle. Coming out of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express, if you immediately get into the left lane, you can make an immediate "U" turn onto Rt.40/322 west bound. Coming out of the parking lots of the Baymont Inn or Clarion, you may have to be more creative to make a "U" turn, or go a hundred yards East to the stop light. Coming out of the Quality Inn parking lot, you can ONLY turn right onto West bound Rt.40/322. Once on Rt.40/322 West bound, continue on to the stop light near the old Cardiff Circle area, just past McDonalds. Turn right at that light, then left at the next light onto Tilton Road. Continue on to the NAFEC Circle, take the 2nd road off the circle, which is the access road to the airport and the FAA Technical Center.

2.5.4 To the FAA Technical Center from the Econo-Lodge

Turn right out of the parking lot onto Rt.40/322 East. Go into the stop light and take a left turn. Then turn left at the next light onto Tilton Road. Continue on to the NAFEC Circle, take the 2nd road off the circle, which is the access road to the airport and FAA Technical Center.

2.5.5 To the FAA Technical Center from the Homewood Suites

Turn right out of the parking lot onto English Creek Avenue. Go through the light and across Rt.40/322 and the next light will be Delilah Road. Make a right onto Delilah Road headed East. At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the FAA Technical Center.

2.5.6 To the Technical Center from the Hampton Inn, Marriott Fairfield Inn (or other hotels) in Absecon:

From the Hampton Inn head east on Rt.30 (the White Horse Pike), and turn right on Mill Road. It's easy to spot. It's on the corner of the Commerce Bank and the McDonald's. From the Marriott Fairfield Inn, you'll have to head east from the parking lot, then go through a jug-handle to make a "U" Turn to head back to the west on Rt.30. Once on Rt.30 westbound, turn left on Mill Road.

Once on Mill Road, you'll cross over a bridge (you'll see the dam for one of the Atlantic City Airport reservoirs on your right). Just after that, the road forks. Follow the road to the right, which is Westcoat Road. You'll pass along the edge of the FAA Technical Center property. Continue on until the stop sign, and then turn right onto Delilah Road. At the NAFEC circle, take the 1st road off of the circle, which is the access road to the airport and the FAA Technical Center.

2.5.7 To get to the Technical Center from Atlantic City:

Ask for directions at your hotel. Depending on where you are, the White Horse Pike (Rt.30) [for casinos toward the north end of town, or the Marina], or the Atlantic City Expressway [for casinos near the center of town], or the Black Horse Pike (Rt.40/322) [for the Tropicana or Atlantic Club], may be best.

From the White Horse Pike (Rt.30), head west and take the Delilah Road exit, and then follow Delilah Road to the NAFEC Circle. Take the first road off of the circle, which is the entrance road to the airport and FAA Technical Center.

From the Atlantic City Expressway (from Atlantic City), head west and exit at Exit 9 [a \$0.75 exact change toll]. Make a right onto Delilah Road. At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the FAA Technical Center.

From the Black Horse Pike (Rt.40), head west until you pass the Baseball Stadium, then watch for the entry onto the AC Expressway. Once on the Expressway, take Exit #9, then make a right onto Delilah Road. At the traffic circle (the NAFEC Circle), take the THIRD road off, which is the entrance to the Atlantic City Airport and the FAA Technical Center.

2.6 TO THE HOTELS FROM THE FAA TECHNICAL CENTER:

2.6.1 To the Days Inn, Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn, Quality Inn, Best Western Suites and Residence Inn:

Take the access road back to the NAFEC Circle. Take the 3rd road off the circle, which is Tilton Road East. Continue on Tilton Road and it will turn into Washington Avenue after you go through the first traffic light. Go through another traffic light and then at the 2nd stop light, turn right onto Fire Road. The next stop light is at the Black Horse Pike (Rt.40/322). Turn left onto Rt.40/322 for the Clarion, Holiday Inn Express, Baymont Inn, Quality Inn and Best Western Suites. Go straight across Rt.40/322 for the Marriott Residence Inn and Days Inn, which is at the next intersection with Tilton Road.

2.6.2 To the Homewood Suites or Econo-Lodge

Take the access road back to the NAFEC Circle. Take the 2nd road off of the circle, which is Delilah Road. Less than a mile after you pass through the light at the entrance to the AC Expressway, turn left onto English Creek Avenue (County Rt.575). If you are headed to the Econo-Lodge, then turn left again at the next light, which is Rt.40/322, headed East. If you are headed to the Homewood Suites, then continue on English Creek Avenue across Rt.40/322 and the Homewood Suites will be on the left about a 100 yards. If you somehow miss the left turn onto English Creek Avenue and end up at Philadelphia Childrens Hospital annex, then turn left there onto east bound Rt.40/322. The Econo-Lodge is several miles East on Rt.40/322. After turning onto Rt.40/322, if you are headed to the Homewood Suites, then turn right at English Creek Avenue and it will be on your left about a 100 yards. If you get to the Cardiff semi-Circle area, or the Shore Mall, you missed both places. Pass through the light at the Shore Mall, perform a jug-handle U-Turn and head back west on Rt.40/322, and try again.

2.6.3 To the Hampton Inn (or other hotels) in Absecon:

Take the access road back to the NAFEC circle. Take the 4th road off the circle, which is Delilah Road east. Then make the first left (1/2 to 3/4 a mile or so, after the Wawa store) onto Westcoat Road. Continue left (that's the normal flow of traffic) when this road meets Mill Road, at which point the road becomes Mill Road. At the traffic light (which is the White Horse Pike [Rt.30]), turn left for the Hampton Inn, which will be on your left after a while. This is a divided highway, so you'll have to stay to the right and take a jug-handle to make a U-turn to get to it. At the intersection of Mill Road and Rt.30, to get to the Marriott Fairfield Inn, turn right and stay east bound on Rt.30 for a couple miles.

2.6.4 To get to Atlantic City:

Depending on your destination, either the White Horse Pike (Rt.30) or the Atlantic City Expressway may be better.

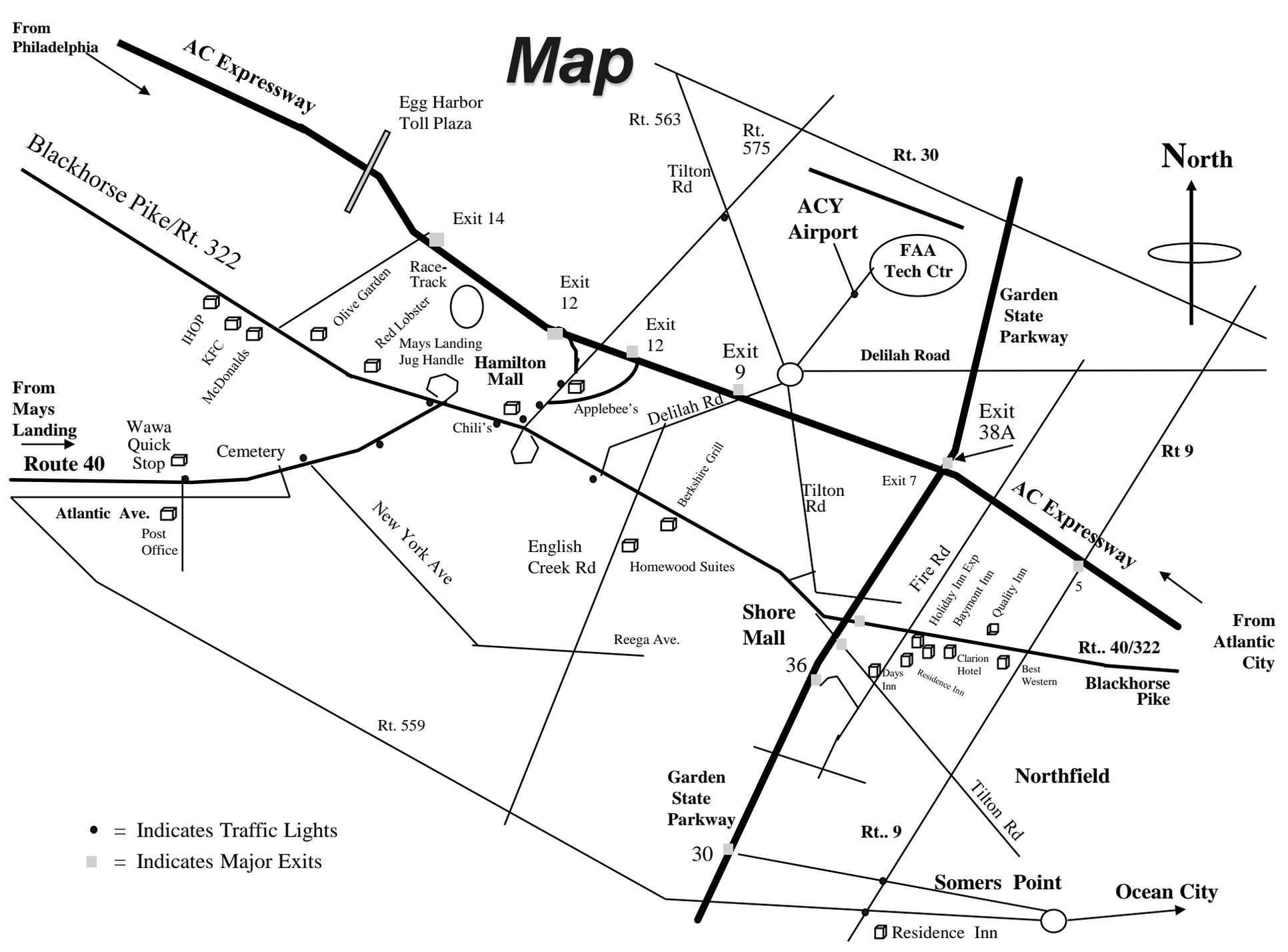
For the Atlantic City Expressway, take the 2nd road off of the NAFEC circle, which is Delilah Road west. Cross over the expressway on the overpass, and then enter the Expressway east towards Atlantic City. [\$0.75 exact change required]. The expressway ends in Atlantic City.

For the Atlantic Club and Tropicana Hotel-Casinos, take the Atlantic City Expressway east to Exit #2, which dumps you onto Rt.40/322. The Black Horse Pike becomes Albany Avenue after you get near Atlantic City. Continue straight into Atlantic City on Albany Avenue and you'll see the Atlantic Club and Tropicana towers.

For the White Horse Pike, take the 4th road off of the NAFEC circle, which is Delilah Road east. Follow this until it ends at the White Horse Pike heading east. The White Horse Pike ends in Atlantic City.

If you need other directions, such as to any other hotels, please contact me.

Map



- = Indicates Traffic Lights
- = Indicates Major Exits