

= M @-@ 222 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 222 is the current designation of a state trunkline highway in Allegan County of the US state of Michigan . It runs between the city of Allegan , where it connects with M @-@ 40 / M @-@ 89 , and the US Highway 131 (US 131) freeway near Martin . The highway runs along a series of streets in Allegan and through rural farm fields and woods between the two communities along 116th Avenue . The roadway was a state highway back in 1919 when the system was initially signed . It was assigned as part of M @-@ 89 and M @-@ 40 before being given its own number , M @-@ 118 . That designation was applied to the highway until 1988 when that was retired in favor of the current M @-@ 222 .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 222 begins at an intersection with M @-@ 40 / M @-@ 89 in the town of Allegan at the corner of Cutler and Cedar streets . From there , the trunkline runs northward on Cedar Street for a block before turning eastward on Monroe Street . Then the highway proceeds through residential areas along Monroe and turns onto Grand Street to cross over the Kalamazoo River . M @-@ 222 intersects A @-@ 37 (Main Street) and runs next to Padgham Field before exiting town . From there , the highway continues on due eastward as 116th Avenue through rural areas and agricultural fields . Further east , the fields are taken over by forested area and residential subdivisions in places near Watson . The trunkline jogs to the south to bisect Wetheral Lake . M @-@ 222 ends north of US 131 Motorsports Park near exit 55 on US 131 east of Martin .

Like other state highways in Michigan , M @-@ 222 is maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) . In 2011 , the department 's traffic surveys showed that on average , 9 @,@ 147 vehicles used the highway daily in Allegan between M @-@ 40 / M @-@ 89 and A @-@ 37 and 5 @,@ 470 vehicles did so each day between near the eastern terminus , the highest and lowest counts along the highway , respectively . No section of M @-@ 222 is listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

When the state highway system was initially signposted in 1919 , the highway between Allegan and Martin was part of M @-@ 89 . In 1926 , when M @-@ 40 was extended from Allegan to Martin , M @-@ 89 was rerouted out of Allegan to the southeast along its present @-@ day alignment to terminate at US 131 in Plainwell .

In 1929 , the routing from Allegan to Martin was removed and renumbered M @-@ 118 , and M @-@ 40 was extended to the north out of Allegan along M @-@ 89 and its modern routing to a new terminus in Holland ending at US 31 . By the middle of 1960 , the US 131 was opened as far south as Martin ; the section of M @-@ 118 between the new freeway and the old routing was used as a connector until the next section south to Plainwell opened the next year . After this next freeway segment was opened , M @-@ 118 was truncated to end at the freeway .

In 1988 , the M @-@ 118 designation was decommissioned and the highway was renumbered M @-@ 222 to prevent confusion with 118th street which runs parallel to the route about one mile (1 @.@ 6 km) to the north for most of the length .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Allegan County .