

= M @-@ 102 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 102 is a state trunkline highway in the US state of Michigan that runs along the northern boundary of Detroit following 8 Mile Road . The highway follows the Michigan Baseline , a part of the land survey of the state , and the roadway is also called Base Line Road in places . As a county road or city street , 8 Mile Road extends both east and west of the M @-@ 102 designation , which leaves 8 Mile on the eastern end to follow Vernier Road . The western terminus of M @-@ 102 is at the junction of 8 Mile Road and M @-@ 5 (Grand River Avenue) and the opposite end is at Vernier Road and Interstate 94 (I @-@ 94) . The 8 Mile Road name extends west to Pontiac Trail near South Lyon with a discontinuous segment located west of US Highway 23 (US 23) . The eastern end of 8 Mile Road is in Grosse Pointe Woods near I @-@ 94 .

The highway was first designated in the late 1920s , connecting US Highway 10 (US 10 , Woodward Avenue , now M @-@ 1) with US 25 (Gratiot Avenue , now M @-@ 3) . Extensions to the highway designation moved the termini in the 1930s and 1940s east to M @-@ 29 (Jefferson Avenue) and US 16 (Grand River Avenue , now M @-@ 5) . A change in the 1960s added a section of north ? south roadway to the eastern end of M @-@ 102 ; that change was reversed within about a year . A western extension along Grand River Avenue in 1977 was reversed in 1994 , and M @-@ 102 has remained the same since .

8 Mile Road has carried major cultural significance ; since the mid @-@ 20th century , as the city demographics have changed , it has served as a physical and cultural dividing line between the wealthier , predominantly white northern suburbs of Detroit and the poorer , predominantly black city . The racial patterns have changed , as more middle @-@ class African Americans have also moved north of 8 Mile , but the socioeconomic divide between the city and suburbs remains .

= = Route description = =

Starting at an intersection with Hamburg Road along the Livingston ? Washtenaw county line , 8 Mile Road runs eastward to an interchange with US 23 near Whitmore Lake . There is a gap before 8 Mile Road resumes at Pontiac Trail along the Oakland ? Washtenaw county line . Near the suburb of Northville , the road curves northward into Oakland County , and Base Line Road follows the county line for about one mile (1 @. @ 6 km) . The road meets I @-@ 96 / I @-@ 275 at that freeway 's exit 167 along the border between Livonia and Farmington Hills . As its name implies , 8 Mile Road runs east ? west eight miles (13 km) north of the origin of the Mile Road System at Michigan and Woodward avenues .

M @-@ 102 starts at the intersection between M @-@ 5 (Grand River Avenue) and 8 Mile Road and runs eastward along 8 Mile Road . The highway widens out into a boulevard setup with each direction divided by a central median . Motorists that want to make a left turn along 8 Mile Road have to perform a Michigan left to do so . Starting at the Inkster Road intersection , M @-@ 102 forms the boundary between Redford to the south and Southfield to the north . East of Five Points Road , the 8 Mile follows the northern city limits of Detroit . On either side of 8 Mile Road , the area is filled with residential neighborhoods of the two cities with commercial businesses immediately adjacent to the highway . About two miles (3 @. @ 2 km) east of its starting point , M @-@ 102 intersects US 24 (Telegraph Road) at a cloverleaf interchange near Frisbee @-@ Pembroke Park and Plum Hollow Country Club . Along the length of the eight @-@ lane highway , there are large power line towers in the median .

Continuing east , M @-@ 102 intersects M @-@ 39 (Southfield Freeway) and M @-@ 10 (Lodge Freeway) south of the Southfield campus of Oakland Community College and the Northland Center Mall . As the highway approaches M @-@ 1 (Woodward Avenue) , there are a pair of service drives that split from the main roadway in each direction to provide access through the interchange with M @-@ 1 . The main lanes of M @-@ 102 pass under M @-@ 1 and its ramp connections before the service drives merge back in on the other side . This interchange is located adjacent to the Michigan State Fairgrounds , former site of the now @-@ defunct Michigan State Fair , and Woodlawn Cemetery . East of the fairgrounds , the highway crosses a line of the Canadian National

Railway that also carries Amtrak passenger traffic ; the line is south of a rail terminal in Ferndale . Further east , M @-@ 102 meets I @-@ 75 before intersecting Dequindre Road . Dequindre is the boundary between Oakland and Macomb counties .

Now following the Wayne ? Macomb county line , M @-@ 102 separates Warren from Detroit . The highway also runs parallel to , and about a half mile (0 @.@ 8 km) north of Outer Drive , the original beltway highway proposed in 1918 to encircle Detroit . The road passes the Mound Road Engine facility , a former Chrysler plant next to the Mound Road intersection . East of the plant , the highway crosses a branch line of the Conrail Shared Assets Operations on the east side of the plant complex before intersecting M @-@ 53 (Van Dyke Road) . Further east , 8 Mile Road passes north of the Bel Air Center Shopping Center before crossing another Canadian National Railway line next to the intersection with M @-@ 97 (Groesbeck Highway) .

On the far east side of Detroit , M @-@ 102 separates the city from the suburb of Eastpointe once near the intersection with M @-@ 3 (Gratiot Avenue) . Near Kelly Road and the Eastland Center , the highway turns southeasterly along Vernier Road to enter Harper Woods in Wayne County ; 8 Mile Road continues due eastward along the county line in this suburb as a four @-@ lane undivided urban arterial street . The eastern terminus of M @-@ 102 is at the interchange between Vernier Road and I @-@ 94 about 1 @,@ 700 feet (520 m) south of 8 Mile Road near the boundary with Grosse Pointe Woods .

= = History = =

M @-@ 102 was first designated along 8 Mile Road from US 10 (Woodward Avenue , now M @-@ 1) to US 25 (Gratiot Avenue , now M @-@ 3) in late 1928 or early 1929 . In 1939 , the eastern terminus was moved as M @-@ 102 was extended along 8 Mile and Vernier Roads to end in Grosse Pointe Shores at M @-@ 29 (Jefferson Avenue) . The highway was extended in the early 1940s from Woodward westward to US 16 (Grand River Avenue , now M @-@ 5) .

During 1963 , the M @-@ 102 designation was extended northerly along Jefferson Avenue through St. Clair Shores , replacing the M @-@ 29 designation to the Shook Road interchange at the northern end of the then @-@ existing I @-@ 94 freeway . That extension was reversed the next year , and M @-@ 102 was scaled back to end at US 25 (Gratiot Avenue) ; the rest of 8 Mile and Vernier roads plus the Jefferson Avenue segment are added to M @-@ 29 instead . M @-@ 102 was re @-@ extended along 8 Mile and Vernier roads to the I @-@ 94 interchange in Harper Woods in 1970 replacing M @-@ 29 ; the remainder of that other highway along Vernier Road and Jefferson Avenue to Shook Road that was once part of M @-@ 102 was transferred to local control .

When I @-@ 96 was completed in 1977 , several highway designations were shifted in the Metro Detroit area . The Business Spur I @-@ 96 designation that had replaced US 16 was removed from Grand River Avenue . That roadway was signed as M @-@ 5 southward between 8 Mile Road and its present eastern terminus at I @-@ 96 while the remainder of Grand River Avenue and the stub freeway formerly part of I @-@ 96 that continued out to I @-@ 275 became part of M @-@ 102 . This extension to M @-@ 102 was reversed in October 1994 when M @-@ 5 was extended northwesterly along Grand River Avenue , the freeway and up the Haggerty Connector north of I @-@ 96 in Novi , replacing part of M @-@ 102 in the process .

= = Cultural impact = =

= = Racial and economic divide = = =

The road has long served as a de facto cultural dividing line between the predominantly poor black city and its wealthier , predominantly white northern suburbs . The perception of 8 Mile as the chief dividing line between racial groups and classes persists , in part because the suburban counties of Oakland and Macomb remain , on the whole , significantly whiter and more prosperous than the city

of Detroit . However , in recent years increasing numbers of whites have moved into Detroit , especially around the downtown area , and other neighborhoods in the region have become more ethnically diverse as well .

According to the 2000 U.S. Census , the median family income for the city of Detroit , whose population was 81 @. @ 55 % African @-@ American , was \$ 33 @, @ 853 , and 26 @. @ 1 % of the population lived below the poverty line . By contrast , the median family income for Oakland County , whose population was 82 @. @ 75 % white , was \$ 75 @, @ 540 , and only 5 @. @ 5 % of residents lived below the poverty line . These results were compiled into an Index of Dissimilarity of 85 @. @ 9 by researchers with Brown University and Florida State University , the highest score for a metropolitan area in the United States . After the 2010 Census , the index was computed as 79 @. @ 6 , which was a " substantial decline " in the words of the study 's authors .

= = = In surveying = = =

8 Mile Road is also known as Base Line Road , for it was used to set the baseline for the Public Land Survey System in Michigan . The system helped bring order to county boundaries , which had often been set in other states by geographic markers such as rivers , hills , and trees , and were therefore rather irregular . Today , the baseline forms the northern or southern boundary of many southern Michigan counties .

= = = In media = = =

Tupac Shakur , Tim Roth , and Thandie Newton form the fictitious musical act Eight Mile Road in the 1997 film Gridlock 'd , which is set in Detroit . The movie 8 Mile , starring Detroit @-@ area hip hop artist Eminem , as well as his songs " Lose Yourself " and " 8 Mile " , both take their names and cultural subject matter from the roadway .

In addition to these film references , there are a number of songs that refer to 8 Mile Road , some of which include :

Eminem ? " Encore / Curtains Down "

Eminem ? " Marshall Mathers "

Eminem ? " Yellow Brick Road "

Eminem ? " Mockingbird "

Obie Trice ? " 8 Mile "

Danny Brown ? " 8 Mile "

Eminem ? " No Love "

The roadway is also shown on TruTV 's program Hardcore Pawn , a show about a pawn shop located on 8 Mile Road .

= = Major intersections = =