

= M @-@ 73 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 73 is a north ? south state trunkline highway in the Upper Peninsula of the US state of Michigan . It connects with US Highway 2 (US 2) and Highway 55 (WIS 55) at the state line near Iron River . Running through forest , the highway was first designated along with the rest of the state highway system in 1919 . Unchanged since its inception , M @-@ 73 was completely paved by the mid @-@ 1930s .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 73 starts on its southwestern end on a bridge over the Brule River that connects across the state line to WIS 55 in Forest County , Wisconsin . On the Michigan side of the border , the highway runs north away from the river . It runs along the western edge of a section of farm fields before turning eastward to run through them . M @-@ 73 passes to the south of Hagerman , Little Hagerman and Bass lakes , after which it turns northeasterly running north of Stanley Lake . The northern terminus is at US 2 west of downtown Iron River . All of M @-@ 73 is two @-@ lane rural highway through wooded terrain except the section immediately north of the state line which runs along the aforementioned farm .

No part of M @-@ 73 is listed on the National Highway System . In 2009 , the Michigan Department of Transportation conducted a survey to determine the traffic volume along the highway , reported using a metric called average annual daily traffic . The department determined that 890 vehicles a day used the southern half of the highway while 1 @, @ 100 vehicles used the northern section closest to US 2 . In the same surveys , MDOT calculated that , on average , 30 trucks used the roadway daily .

= = History = =

M @-@ 73 was designated by July 1 , 1919 , along with the rest of the initial state trunkline highway system . In 1937 , the highway was completely hard @-@ surfaced for the first time . Its routing has been largely unchanged since designation . The original bridge over the Brule River was built in 1922 . In a joint project with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) , MDOT funded a replacement in 2003 . WisDOT supervised construction of the new span in a project that ran between July 14 and November 4 , 2003 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Iron County .