

= M @-@ 142 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 142 is a state trunkline highway in The Thumb region of the US state of Michigan . It is a " trans @-@ peninsular " highway in that it travels through an agricultural area from Bay Port on Saginaw Bay to Harbor Beach on Lake Huron . The current trunkline in Huron County was originally parts of other state highways that date back to the initial 1919 signposting of the state highway system in the state . The designation was applied in 1939 , and the road has remained unchanged since it was completely paved in the 1950s . One other highway , near Lake City , carried the number in the 1930s .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 142 begins just a few miles south of Bay Port at an intersection with M @-@ 25 near the Bay Port Cemetery , about two @-@ thirds of a mile (1 @.@ 1 km) inland from Saginaw Bay . From there , the road travels eastward through farm country on Pigeon Road . The highway follows a direct course over the Pigeon River to the village of Pigeon , when M @-@ 142 turns south on Main Street to exit town . South of town , the Pigeon Road name resumes , and after about one mile (1 @.@ 6 km) , M @-@ 142 turns back eastward near the Grand Lawn Cemetery . The road then continues eastward through more farms to Elkton , diverting off a direct course to cross a line of the Huron and Eastern Railway on the east side of town .

North of Bad Axe , M @-@ 142 leaves Pigeon Road to turn southward along Van Dyke Road for about mile and a half (2 @.@ 4 km) . Along this section , the highway runs concurrently with M @-@ 53 into town . At the intersection with Huron Avenue , M @-@ 142 turns east and M @-@ 53 turns west , ending the overlap of the two highways . M @-@ 142 exits town and follows Sand Beach Road through farm country . About three miles (4 @.@ 8 km) of Bad Axe , M @-@ 142 meets the northern terminus of M @-@ 19 (Ugly Road) . Continuing eastward , the highway crosses two branches of the Willow River as it passes through the unincorporated community of Verona . East of that location , the trunkline turns northeasterly , roughly parallel to the Rock Falls Creek , as it angles to Harbor Beach . M @-@ 142 follows State Street through town , and the trunkline terminates at the intersection with M @-@ 25 about a quarter mile (0 @.@ 4 km) west of Lake Huron .

Like other state highways in Michigan , M @-@ 142 is maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) . In 2011 , the department 's traffic surveys showed that on average , 8 @,@ 887 vehicles used the highway daily in the city of Bad Axe east of M @-@ 53 and 832 vehicles did so each day between M @-@ 25 and Pigeon , the highest and lowest counts along the highway , respectively . No section of M @-@ 142 is listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

= = = Previous designation = = =

The first highway to gain the M @-@ 142 moniker was designated by the end of 1929 running eastward from M @-@ 55 / M @-@ 66 to a farm owned by Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) south of Lake City . By 1939 , this one @-@ mile (1 @.@ 6 km) highway was transferred back to local control .

= = = Current highway = = =

When the state highway system was first signed in 1919 , one of the original trunklines was numbered M @-@ 31 , originally running northward from Port Huron to Harbor Beach and then westward to Saginaw . When the U.S. Highway System was approved on November 11 , 1926 , M

M-31 was decommissioned in favor of alternate numbers . The roadway between Bay Port and Harbor Beach was assigned the M-83 designation ; Between Bay Port and Bad Axe , the highway was also a part of the contemporary M-29 . By 1933 , the M-29 designation was removed when that highway was realigned to follow the Saginaw Bay shoreline and later became parts of an extended US Highway 25 and a new M-25 .

In 1939 , a section of M-83 was returned to local control , which would have resulted in a discontinuous routing . Segments of the trunkline were absorbed into other existing highways . The former routing of M-83 from Bay Port , eastward across The Thumb , to Harbor Beach where it met up with US 25 was redesignated M-142 . By early 1952 , the last section of the highway was paved , stretching about three miles (4 @ 8 km) eastward from the M-19 junctionMichigan State Highway Department (April 15 , 1952) . 1952 Official Highway Map (Map) . The highway has been unchanged since .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Huron County .