

= M @-@ 11 ( Michigan highway ) =

M @-@ 11 is a state trunkline highway in the US state of Michigan in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area . The highway runs through the western and southern sides of the metro area , starting over the border in Ottawa County at an interchange with Interstate 96 ( I @-@ 96 ) . It runs through both rural woodlands and busy commercial areas before it terminates at another interchange with I @-@ 96 in Cascade Township . Locally known as Wilson Avenue and 28th Street , the trunkline is listed on the National Highway System , M @-@ 11 carries between 8 @,@ 000 and 42 @,@ 000 vehicles on average each day .

When the original state trunklines were designated , an M @-@ 11 ran the length of the Lake Michigan shoreline from the Indiana state line to Mackinaw City . That highway was replaced in 1926 by two of the then @-@ newly created US Highways . A second highway was given the M @-@ 11 designation at that time in the Saline area . This highway was removed from the highway system and the designation decommissioned in 1954 . The current M @-@ 11 was designated in 1961 along a set of roads in the Grand Rapids area that includes portions of a former route of US Highway 16 ( US 16 ) in Michigan .

= = Route description = =

The western terminus is at exit 24 on I @-@ 96 , one mile ( 1 @.@ 6 km ) east of Marne . In Ottawa County , the road is called Ironwood Drive . Beginning at the Kent County border , the street is called Remembrance Road ( in honor of those who died in battle ) . From its western terminus , the road angles southeast ? northwest for about a mile and a half ( 2 @.@ 4 km ) . Then M @-@ 11 turns south on Wilson Avenue to run north ? south through Walker . Wilson Avenue intersects M @-@ 45 ( Lake Michigan Drive ) in the Standale Business District . South of Lake Michigan Drive , the trunkline continues on Wilson Avenue through the edge of a rural area . The highway runs through forest land near Millennium Park until it crosses the Grand River at I @-@ 196 .

Past I @-@ 196 , M @-@ 11 curves to run east ? west and becomes 28th Street . Wilson continues southwards as a local road and 28th Street is the route through Grandville and Wyoming . Chicago Drive runs under 28th Street in Grandville ; there is a ramp from eastbound Chicago Drive to eastbound 28th Street , but all other connections are through the " 28th Street Cutoff " to the east of the grade @-@ separated junction . Continuing eastward through Wyoming , M @-@ 11 passes through that city 's central business district . The highway intersects US Highway 131 and crosses into Grand Rapids at Division Avenue . Near Kalamazoo Avenue , 28th Street passes the Indian Hills Golf Course . From Breton Avenue eastward , 28th Street is dominated by retail establishments as it continues into Kentwood . M @-@ 11 meets an intersection with East Beltline Avenue near the Woodland Mall . East Beltline carries M @-@ 37 through the eastern side of the Grand Rapids metro area , and M @-@ 44 north of 28th Street . M @-@ 11 continues eastward to its terminus at exit 44 on I @-@ 96 while 28th Street continues farther east to Cascade Road .

M @-@ 11 is maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation ( MDOT ) like other state highways in Michigan . As a part of these maintenance responsibilities , the department tracks the volume of traffic that uses the roadways under its jurisdiction . These volumes are expressed using a metric called annual average daily traffic , which is a statistical calculation of the average daily number of vehicles on a segment of roadway . MDOT 's surveys in 2010 showed that the highest traffic levels along M @-@ 11 were the 41 @,@ 214 vehicles daily between Kalamazoo and Breton avenues in Grand Rapids ; the lowest counts were the 8 @,@ 153 vehicles per day in Ottawa County . All of M @-@ 11 has been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

= = = Previous designations = = =

The first M @-@ 11 originally ran along Lake Michigan between the Indiana state line near New Buffalo and Mackinaw City on July 1 , 1919 . On November 11 , 1926 , the New Buffalo ? Benton Harbor segment was used for US 12 and the Watervliet ? Mackinaw City section was used for US 31 ; between Benton Harbor and Watervliet , M @-@ 11 was used for a concurrent US 12 / US 31 . Streets are still designated as Old M @-@ 11 in places such as Chikaming Township .

Immediately after the debut of the U.S. Highway System in 1926 , M @-@ 11 was designated from M @-@ 50 at Napoleon to US 112 in Saline . The last section of this highway was fully paved between Bridgewater and Saline in late 1948 or early 1949 . In the middle of 1954 , M @-@ 92 was extended southward from Chelsea to Manchester . From there , that highway replaced M @-@ 11 west to Bridgewater before turning south to Clinton ; at the same time , the remainder of M @-@ 11 was removed from the state highway system and the designation was decommissioned .

= = = Current designation = = =

The modern M @-@ 11 was added to the state highway system as a component of M @-@ 114 c . 1930 . By 1942 , the trunkline was completed and reassigned a Bypass US 16 designation , until the mainline US 16 was rerouted over the bypass in 1953 . In the latter half of 1961 , the M @-@ 11 designation was first assigned in the Grand Rapids area along the current routing when US 16 was moved to the newly opened I @-@ 96 freeway . The routing has remained unchanged since .

= = = Memorial designations = = =

The current M @-@ 11 follows Remembrance Road , Wilson Avenue and 28th Street . The first two of these names were chosen to memorialize the roadway in honor of local people . Remembrance Road was dedicated in 1923 on the initiative of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution . They planted 231 elms in a double row on each side of the highway and erected a boulder bearing a bronze plaque dedicated to the veterans of Kent County . Wilson Avenue was named for Samuel H. Wilson , a local realtor . He had developed a series of local residential subdivisions in the area up until his 1931 death , In 1942 , the county road commission named Wilson Avenue in his honor to comply with a state law requiring roads that benefitted from state funds to have proper names .

= = Major intersections = =