

= M @-@ 95 ( Michigan highway ) =

M @-@ 95 , designated the Leif Erickson Memorial Highway , is a state trunkline highway in the Upper Peninsula of the US state of Michigan . Running from Kingsford to near Champion in Humboldt Township , it is the main connection between Iron Mountain and Marquette along with US 41 .

M @-@ 95 was previously designated as M @-@ 45 . The number was switched when US 45 was designated in Michigan . The trunkline incorporates a portion of the former M @-@ 12 which became US 2 . A section of the highway near Republic was turned over to Marquette County during a rerouting of the highway in the 1940s , becoming County Road 601 .

= = Route description = =

Starting on a bridge across the Menominee River , M @-@ 95 runs north along Carpenter Avenue in Kingsford . It turns east along Ludington Street in Iron Mountain and joins the US 2 / US 141 concurrency out of town to the north , following Stephenson Avenue . Near the state line northwest of Iron Mountain , M @-@ 95 turns northward as a solo route through northern Dickinson County . There is a concurrency with M @-@ 69 from Randville to Sagola . Randville is just south of the junction with M @-@ 69 where the mining settlement formed because of the nearby Groveland Mine and was a station on the Milwaukee and Northern Railroad in 1880 . A post office was in operation in Randville from 1891 until 1932 .

Near Sagola is a mill owned by Louisiana @-@ Pacific that makes oriented strand board . The surrounding forest lands near the highway provide trees for the mill . Sagola was formed , when in about 1885 , five Chicago men formed the Sagola Lumber Company to harvest pine timber in the area . The name was derived from the local Indian word for " welcome " . A post office was first established there in 1889 . North of Sagola is the community of Channing which began as a railroad junction called " Fort Siding " . In 1892 , a post office was established named Channing , after John Parke Channing , a mining engineer who surveyed the area .

M @-@ 95 crosses the Michigamme River at the Marquette County line . It is here that M @-@ 95 also crosses over from the Central Time Zone to the Eastern Time Zone at the county line south of Witch Lake . From there it bypasses Republic and the former Republic Mine Complex to the west . Republic is divided into two smaller communities of North Republic and South Republic by the mine complex . Known for its sandy beachfront along the Michigamme River west of downtown North Republic , the beach is located just upstream of the Republic Dam . In South Republic is a roadside park maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation ( MDOT ) that provides a picnic area and canoe access to the river . M @-@ 95 comes to an end north of a railroad crossing at an intersection with US 41 / M @-@ 28 named " Koski 's Korner " .

= = History = =

From its inception until 1934 , M @-@ 95 held the M @-@ 45 designation . It was renumbered to avoid confusion with the then new US 45 designation in the Upper Peninsula . The original M @-@ 95 was an access route to Onaway State Park which was redesignated as M @-@ 211 .

The original roadway that became today 's M @-@ 95 started in Sagola and run northward to M @-@ 15 ( today US 41 / M @-@ 28 ) . M @-@ 45 was extended by 1927 to replace portions of M @-@ 12 that were not used in US 2 . It would later be extended in 1932 to the state line south of Kingsford . The total of M @-@ 45 was converted to M @-@ 95 in 1934 as a realignment near Witch Lake is completed .

M @-@ 95 was rerouted in 1942 from Republic north to Humboldt Township . This new 7 @-@ mile ( 11 km ) section replaced the last section of gravel roadway that was transferred to Marquette County as County Road 601 . Another rerouting in the Republic area moved the trunkline in 1957 to bypass South Republic . The former roadway was partially closed to become part of the Republic Mine . M @-@ 69 was shortened , eliminating the concurrency with M @-@ 95 in 1960 or 1961 . M

@-@ 69 was re @-@ extended back to its pre @-@ 1960 routing in 1991 , restoring the concurrency in the process .

= = Major intersections = =