

= Ontario Highway 90 =

King 's Highway 90 , commonly referred to as Highway 90 , was a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The route connected Barrie with the town of Angus and CFB Borden . The highway was designated in 1937 . During the early 1960s , the highway was realigned within Barrie in order to have it interchange with Highway 400 ; originally the route followed Tiffin Street . At the beginning of 1998 , the entire highway was transferred to the City of Barrie and Simcoe County ; it is now known as Simcoe County Road 90 .

= = Route description = =

Today , the former routing of Highway 90 is known as Dunlop Street within Barrie and Simcoe County Road 90 outside of the city . The route begins at a split between Cambrai Road , which provides access to Camp Borden , and Simcoe County Road 10 , which continues south to Alliston and Tottenham . The four lane Simcoe County Road 90 progresses north through the centre of Angus . North of the Barrie Collingwood Railway overhead , it acts as the principal commercial strip for the town . North of Angus , the highway makes a broad 90 degree turn to the east and skims the southern edge of the Minesing Wetlands , an internationally significant bog .

East of the swamp , the road enters Essa , where it intersects the Sunnidale Road (Simcoe County Road 40) . From there to Barrie , the highway passes through a largely rural area . It intersects former Highway 131 , now Simcoe County Road 27 , then enters Barrie at Miller Drive , curving northeast . East of Ferndale Drive , the route crosses Highway 400 at Exit 96 . Shortly thereafter , as it approaches the waterfront of Kempenfelt Bay , the route ends at High Street in downtown Barrie .

Simcoe County Road 90 is two lanes wide between McKinnon Road , north of Angus , and Ferndale Drive in Barrie , although a passing lane is provided for eastbound traffic between Angus and Essa . The road also widens to four lanes briefly at the junction with former Highway 131 west of Barrie , as well as within the city and within Angus . The land use surrounding the route is mixed , with pastures and forests composing the majority of the setting . Residences and small businesses are also scattered throughout the length of the route .

= = History = =

Highway 90 was originally assumed by the Department of Highways (DHO) , the predecessor to today 's Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) , during the late 1930s . The primary purpose for the highway was to connect the CFB Borden military base at Angus with the main north ? south routes of central Ontario . At that time , these were Highway 27 and Highway 11 . On October 6 , 1937 , the DHO designated the Barrie to Angus Road as King 's Highway 90 . The initially unimproved road was paved shortly after the outbreak of World War II ; a contract was awarded to Brennan Paving of Hamilton during the autumn of 1939 , and work completed by the end of the year .

Initially , Highway 90 followed Tiffin Street through Barrie , ending just short of the waterfront of Kempenfelt Bay at the intersection of Essa Street (Highway 27) and Bradford Street (Highway 11 / 27) . However , during the early 1960s the route was modified so as to provide an interchange with Highway 400 . A new interchange was constructed during the late 1950s at what was then known as Elizabeth Street in order to provide better access to downtown Barrie from the freeway . By 1960 , Highway 90 had been rerouted northwest along Ferndale Drive and northeast along Elizabeth Street . Though it still ended at Bradford Street , it intersected it 1 @ . @ 5 kilometres (0 @ . @ 93 mi) to the north . By 1961 , Elizabeth Street was renamed as Dunlop Street West . By 1964 , Dunlop Street was extended southwest of Ferndale Drive to merge with Tiffin Street at Miller Drive (the present city limits) .

The highway remained unchanged for over three decades , with the exception of a Connecting Link agreement established between the MTO and the City of Barrie . However , during the late 1990s , the MTO transferred many highways to lower levels of government as a cost @ - @ cutting measure .

Highway 90 was transferred to Simcoe County on January 1 , 1998 . The Connecting Link through Barrie was also discontinued . Simcoe County has since renamed its portion of the route as Simcoe County Road 10 .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 90 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario .

= = Current construction = =

The current construction to widen the highway to 5 lanes could last until 2020 .