

= M @-@ 28 Business (Ishpeming ? Negaunee , Michigan) =

Business M @-@ 28 (Bus . M @-@ 28) is a state trunkline highway serving as a business route that runs for 4 @.@ 841 miles (7 @.@ 791 km) through the downtown districts of Ishpeming and Negaunee in the US state of Michigan . The trunkline provides a marked route for traffic diverting from U.S. Highway 41 (US 41) and M @-@ 28 through the two historic iron @-@ mining communities . It is one of three business loops for M @-@ numbered highways in the state of Michigan . There have previously been two other Bus . M @-@ 28 designations for highways in Newberry and Marquette .

The trunkline was originally a section of US 41 / M @-@ 28 and M @-@ 35 . Before the 1930s , the main highways ran through the two downtown areas when US 41 / M @-@ 28 was relocated to run near Teal Lake . The former routing had various names over the years . It was designated as an alternate route of the main highways , using both the US 41A / M @-@ 28A and Alt . US 41 / ALT M @-@ 28 designations before it was designated as Bus . M @-@ 28 in 1958 . M @-@ 35 continued to run through downtown Negaunee along a section of the highway until the 1960s . A rerouting in 1999 moved the trunkline designation along Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming , and a streetscape project rebuilt the road in Negaunee in 2005 .

= = Route description = =

There are currently three business routes in the state of Michigan derived from M @-@ numbered highways . The other two are in Hillman and Niles for M @-@ 32 and M @-@ 60 respectively . In the past , two other business routes for M @-@ 28 existed in Newberry and Marquette , but they have since been retired . The extant Bus . M @-@ 28 designation remains for the loop through Ishpeming and Negaunee .

= = = Ishpeming = = =

Bus . M @-@ 28 begins at a signalized intersection on US 41 / M @-@ 28 with Lakeshore Drive in the city of Ishpeming . The trunkline runs south along Lakeshore Drive under the tracks of the Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad (LS & I) and southeasterly towards Lake Bancroft . South of the lake , Bus . M @-@ 28 turns east on Division Street . Traffic along the highway here can view the towers of the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum ; the museum is dedicated to telling the story of underground iron ore mining in the region .

Division Street carries the Bus . M @-@ 28 designation into the central business district of Ishpeming , where it runs past local businesses , Ishpeming High School and the original Ishpeming City Hall . On the east side of downtown , both the central machine shops and the research labs for Cleveland @-@ Cliffs Iron Company are located on Division Street . Continuing east , the trunkline follows Ready Street over hills and through a residential area to the Ishpeming ? Negaunee city line .

= = = Negaunee = = =

In Negaunee , the routing uses a street named County Road east from the city line . County Road passes Jackson Park , location of the first iron ore discovery in the area . The iron mined from the region supplied half of the nation 's supply between 1850 and 1900 . South of downtown Negaunee , Bus . M @-@ 28 turns north along the west fork of Silver Street . The street runs north under an overpass that carries Rail Street , so named because it was once a rail line into downtown Negaunee . The trunkline turns east on Jackson Street , running next to the Negaunee City Hall , which was built in 1914 ? 15 at a time when the city 's population was increasing and iron production was peaking . The building still houses the city 's offices , police station and library .

The business loop follows Jackson Street east to Division Street , where the street curves slightly and becomes Main Street . Bus . M @-@ 28 follows Main Street one block to the intersection with

Teal Lake Avenue . Turning north , the trunkline follows Teal Lake Avenue through residential areas of town past the Negaunee Middle School and up over a hill . On the opposite side of the hill next to Teal Lake Bluff , the business loop intersects Arch Street , which carries traffic to Negaunee High School to the west or the football field complex to the east . Negaunee High School was the site of the former Mather B Mine Complex . The administration building for the mine was converted to its present educational use in 1986 . Bus . M @-@ 28 continues along Teal Lake Avenue past the football field and under the LS & I tracks where it ends at another signalized intersection with US 41 / M @-@ 28 by Teal Lake . The total length of Bus . M @-@ 28 is 4 @. @ 873 miles (7 @. @ 842 km) .

= = = Traffic counts = = =

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) publishes traffic data for the highways it maintains . On Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming , MDOT stated that 5 @, @ 857 vehicles on average used the roadway daily in 2014 . Along Division Street , traffic drops to 4 @, @ 044 vehicles before dropping further to 1 @, @ 617 vehicles along the section on Silver Street in Negaunee . Traffic increases along Jackson and Main streets to 4 @, @ 340 vehicles on an average day . Traffic is heaviest along Teal Lake Avenue , at 7 @, @ 521 vehicles .

= = History = =

The state highway system was created on May 13 , 1913 , with the passage of the State Reward Trunk Line Highway Act . The state originally signposted these highways by July 1 , 1919 , and the roadways that make up Bus . M @-@ 28 were originally a portion of M @-@ 15 . Later when the United States Numbered Highway System was created on November 11 , 1926 , the highway was redesignated as a part of US 41 and part of M @-@ 28 . The main highway was moved with the construction of a northerly bypass of Ishpeming and Negaunee in 1937 . The business loop was not designated Bus . M @-@ 28 permanently and marked on state maps until 1958 . It was designated US 41A / M @-@ 28A before being redesignated ALT US 41 / ALT M @-@ 28 @. @ or Bus . US 41 / Bus . M @-@ 28 . This dual designation later was mirrored by the other Marquette County business route , Bus . US 41 . Occasionally , more recent maps use this older numbering to label the highway .

When M @-@ 35 was routed through downtown Negaunee , it joined Bus . M @-@ 28 northward from the east fork of Silver Street on to US 41 / M @-@ 28 . This routing was moved to bypass the city in 1964 when iron ore mining activity destabilized a portion of the M @-@ 35 routing southeast of town . From this point on , Bus . M @-@ 28 has not shared its routing with any other state trunklines .

In 1969 , the Michigan Department of State Highways petitioned the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO) to approve a Bus . US 41 designation for the trunkline . Action on the request was deferred by AASHTO 's U.S. Route Numbering Subcommittee , and then denied the following year . The western end of Bus . M @-@ 28 was rerouted on June 4 , 1999 , when the City of Ishpeming petitioned MDOT to reroute the highway along Lakeshore Drive to US 41 / M @-@ 28 . Previously , it ran along Greenwood Street and North Lake Road and met US 41 / M @-@ 28 in the West Ishpeming neighborhood of Ishpeming Township .

MDOT in a partnership with the City of Negaunee upgraded Teal Lake Avenue between Arch and Rock streets in a streetscaping project to provide a " pedestrian refuge area " . This work entailed reconstruction of the retaining wall , curbing and gutters in 2005 . Arch Street is the access to Negaunee High School , and this section of Bus . M @-@ 28 is near the athletic field complex in Negaunee . The project budgeted \$ 120 @, @ 200 with \$ 24 @, @ 200 from the City of Negaunee (equivalent to \$ 151 @, @ 500 and \$ 30 @, @ 500 respectively in 2015) .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists Bus . M @-@ 28 's major intersections with the primary Marquette County Roads . The entire highway is in Marquette County .