

= M @-@ 89 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 89 is an east ? west state trunkline highway in the US state of Michigan that runs from near Ganges to Battle Creek . M @-@ 89 starts at an interchange with Interstate 196 / US Highway 31 (I @-@ 196 / US 31) and passes through Allegan , Kalamazoo County , Michigan , and Calhoun counties . The highway also briefly crosses the southwest corner of Barry County before it terminates at an intersection with Business Loop I @-@ 94 (BL I @-@ 94) on the northwestern side of downtown Battle Creek . In between the trunkline runs parallel to the Kalamazoo River through rural southwestern Michigan farmlands while also running through the middle of several smaller towns in the area .

Dating back to 1919 , M @-@ 89 was originally just a segment of the current highway between the Ganges area and Martin . Changes through the 1920s and 1930s moved the eastern end to Calhoun County . The last section was paved in the 1950s before the highway was rerouted in the Allegan , Michigan area . The last extensions into Battle Creek came in the 1960s and 1998 .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 89 begins at an interchange with I @-@ 196 / US 31 near Ganges , just a half mile (0 @. @ 8 km) from Lake Michigan . The highway travels east on 124th Street from there through farmlands and small communities like Fennville . The trunkline passes wetlands just north of Swan Creek Marsh and crosses the Kalamazoo River about two miles (3 @. @ 2 km) west of an intersection with M @-@ 40 . M @-@ 89 and M @-@ 40 run concurrently to the southeast for 6 @. @ 5 miles (10 @. @ 5 km) through more farms and across Lake Allegan on the Kalamazoo River on the way into Allegan . Just two blocks before M @-@ 89 splits from M @-@ 40 , the concurrent highways have a junction with M @-@ 222 . After M @-@ 89 splits from M @-@ 40 , it continues out of Allegan to the southeast , again crossing over the Kalamazoo River .

After leaving Allegan , M @-@ 89 runs roughly parallel with the Kalamazoo River for approximately 12 miles (19 km) , passing through mostly rural areas with residences and agricultural fields . The highway curves to the east and crosses the Kalamazoo River again just west of the city of Otsego . The trunkline curves to the south in the city then again runs east to junction with US 131 at exit 49 on the west side of Plainwell . East of US 131 , the highway passes through the city of Plainwell and crosses the Kalamazoo River again before continuing into rural areas again . The route heads the southeast on towards the village of Richland .

Just north of Richland , M @-@ 89 meets up with M @-@ 43 , and the two share a brief routing together for a mile (1 @. @ 6 km) as M @-@ 43 heads southwest out of Richland while M @-@ 89 heads east , passing to the south of Gull Lake . After passing the lake , the highway turns southeast towards Battle Creek . As M @-@ 89 begins to enter the outskirts of Battle Creek it follows Michigan Avenue . It passes through the neighborhoods of Level Park @-@ Oak Park and Urbandale , the first residential areas of the city . As the highway continues towards Battle Creek it has a junction with M @-@ 37 . M @-@ 89 continues on Michigan Avenue until an intersection with Washington Avenue where the route turns to the southwest where it crosses the Kalamazoo River one last time . The trunkline terminates a few blocks later at Dickman Road , otherwise known as the Business Loop I @-@ 94 (BL I @-@ 94) .

M @-@ 89 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 @-@ 89 were the 26 @. @ 470 vehicles daily between Otsego and Plainwell ; the lowest counts were the 2 @, @ 879 vehicles per day between Fennville and the I @-@ 196 / US 31 interchange . No section of M @-@ 89 has been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

The July 1 , 1919 , incarnation of M @-@ 89 was much shorter relative to today 's road . Its western terminus was at a junction with M @-@ 11 (later US 31 , now A @-@ 2) near Ganges . It traveled east to Fennville then turned south to Pearl before turning back to the east towards Allegan on an alignment that is a few miles south of the present day configuration . The highway then left Allegan on present day M @-@ 222 and terminated at M @-@ 13 , which is now A @-@ 45 east of the US 131 freeway .

In 1926 , when M @-@ 40 was extended , M @-@ 89 was rerouted out of Allegan to the southeast along its present day alignment to terminate at US 131 in Plainwell . Just a few years later , the road was extended further to the southeast to Richland then east along its present day routing to end at M @-@ 96 in Augusta . In 1931 , the route was realigned to run east , rather than south into Augusta , where it then met up with M @-@ 96 just inside the Calhoun County line . The road remained in this fashion for the next 20 years .

In late 1951 or early 1952 , the last section of M @-@ 89 was paved , a segment south and east of Fennville in Allegan County . Just months later , the highways was realigned to run east from Fennville , rather than south to Pearl , to intersect M @-@ 40 . From there it was rerouted to run concurrently into Allegan .

In 1963 , when the I @-@ 196 / US 131 freeway opened , the western terminus of M @-@ 89 was extended to meet the new freeway . A few years later , when M @-@ 96 was realigned onto a route that took it into Battle Creek , M @-@ 89 was extended southeasterly along Michigan Avenue (the old M @-@ 96) and terminated at M @-@ 37 . The highway was extended further southeasterly into Battle Creek to replace the old routing of M @-@ 37 along Michigan Avenue ; it then turned south on Washington to the BL I @-@ 94 where it terminated , thus bringing the route to its current alignment .

= = Major intersections = =