

= M @-@ 97 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 97 is a state trunkline highway in the U.S. state of Michigan . It runs from Detroit to north of Mt . Clemens following Groesbeck Highway . The highway starts south of 7 Mile Road and runs northeasterly through Macomb County suburbs to Hall Road , which takes the place of 20 Mile Road in the Mile Road System . In between the termini , Groesbeck Highway runs through suburban residential and commercial areas .

Groesbeck Highway is named after Alex Groesbeck , former Michigan governor and attorney @-@ general . The road was constructed starting in the 1920s to provide traffic relief to Gratiot Avenue , which was the main route between Detroit and Mt . Clemens . It was created as a state trunkline to facilitate construction financing . The final extension was opened at a ribbon cutting ceremony in 1949 . This ceremony also dedicated the entire roadway in the former governor 's honor after sections were named for another politician by the state .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 97 runs through an urbanized area in the larger Metro Detroit . The highway starts at M @-@ 3 / Gratiot Avenue and follows Gunston Street northwesterly . This intersection is one block northeast of the Coleman A. Young International Airport in Detroit . At McNichols Road , which forms part of 6 Mile Road in the Mile Road System , M @-@ 97 turns north on Hoover Street , and follows it north past Bessy Playground at 7 Mile Road . It continues north on Hoover until it turns onto Groesbeck Highway , just one block south of M @-@ 102 / 8 Mile Road .

Groesbeck Highway runs northeast from Hoover Street crossing out of Wayne County into Macomb County at 8 Mile Road . The trunkline here is parallel to railroad tracks through Warren . M @-@ 97 crosses Interstate 696 (I @-@ 696) at an interchange located on the Warren ? Roseville line . This interchange is also located at the 11 Mile Road location in the Mile Road System . M @-@ 97 crosses through the southeast corner of Fraser between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads after which it enters Clinton Township . There is a major intersection with Metropolitan Parkway , which is a limited access county primary road that occupies the 16 Mile location Detroit Mile Road System . Between this intersection and Harrington Street , Groesbeck Highway curves around to the north , crossing the Clinton River and the railroad then entering Mt . Clemens . M @-@ 97 continues to curve around the west side of downtown Mt . Clemens before re @-@ entering Clinton Township . Groesbeck Highway and M @-@ 97 ends at M @-@ 59 / Hall Road , another limited access county primary road in Macomb County located in place of 20 Mile Road . The northern terminus is on the Clinton Township ? Macomb Township line northwest of Selfridge Field , an Air National Guard facility on Lake St. Clair . The road continues north as a county road known as North Avenue .

= = History = =

The Macomb County Road Commission passed Resolution 15 on October 23 , 1925 . This resolution authorized the construction of a new roadway 1 mile (1 @.@ 6 km) west of Gratiot Avenue to relieve traffic traveling between Detroit and Mt . Clemens . The roadway was named in honor of Governor Groesbeck , a Macomb County native and former state attorney general . While the county had difficulty funding the new highway , Groesbeck interceded to have it named a state @-@ financed trunkline . The county started construction on Groesbeck Highway in 1926 . The highway was incomplete when Groesbeck left office at the end of 1926 , leaving the final paving undone . State Rep. Archie Reid asked the State Administrative Board on December 12 , 1927 for assistance to complete the roadway . The board voted unanimously to name the highway for Reid and to proceed " at once " to conclude construction .

The M @-@ 97 designation was applied to the roadway in 1929 between M @-@ 102 / 8 Mile Road and 14 Mile Road . An extension in 1931 moved the northern terminus to US Highway 25 (US 25) in Mt . Clemens . A second extension in 1932 moved the southern end into the City of Detroit at US 25 / Gratiot Avenue .

Named " Reid Highway " by the state and " Groesbeck Highway " by the county , M @-@ 97 was not completed until 1949 . On October 29 , 1949 , the final section bypassing Mt . Clemens along the city 's west side was opened and the entire road was dedicated to Groesbeck . The former governor was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony which renamed the highway north of Hoover Avenue . The northern end was extended to M @-@ 59 / Hall Road .

= = Major intersections = =