

= M @-@ 99 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 99 is a north ? south state trunkline highway in the Lower Peninsula of the US state of Michigan . It runs from the Ohio state border , where it connects to State Route 15 (SR 15) , north to Lansing , where it terminates at a junction with Interstate 496 (I @-@ 496) and the Capitol Loop . The highway mainly serves local communities along the route as it passes through farm lands in the southern part of the state . One segment is routed concurrently with US Highway 12 (US 12) in Jonesville while the northern end runs through urban areas on a street named for Martin Luther King , Jr. in Lansing .

The current highway is the third to carry the M @-@ 99 designation . The others were located near Lake Michigan near Muskegon in the Lower Peninsula and Gulliver in the Upper Peninsula in the 1920s and 1930s . The current highway was first designated as parts of M @-@ 34 and M @-@ 64 in 1919 . These numbers were later dropped in favor of an M @-@ 9 designation in 1929 . For part of 1934 , a loop route was designated M @-@ 158 in Hillsdale County that was used for a rerouted M @-@ 9 in the area . The M @-@ 99 designation was applied to the highway in 1940 . Since then , the state has completed paving twice ; one segment was returned to gravel surface for two years in the 1950s . The southern section in Hillsdale County was rerouted in the 1960s , and sections were converted into divided highways in the late 1970s .

= = Route description = =

SR 15 ends at the Michigan state line just north of Pioneer , Ohio , where it becomes M @-@ 99 . The roadway travels northward from the state line on Pioneer Road , through mostly agricultural areas of Hillsdale County before reaching a junction with M @-@ 34 just west of Osseo . The trunkline turns westward on Hudson Road , which curves to the north around Baw Beese Lake just southeast of Hillsdale . M @-@ 99 passes through Hillsdale on a northwest course on Broad Street and Carlton Road , passing just a few blocks to the west of Hillsdale College . After leaving town , the road bends to the north as Olds Street as it runs parallel to the St. Joseph River to Jonesville . In that community , M @-@ 99 intersects US 12 . The two highways run concurrently through Jonesville for less than half a mile (0 @. @ 8 km) before M @-@ 99 returns to its northwesterly course . It leaves the town toward Litchfield continuing parallel to the river .

In Litchfield , M @-@ 99 enters the town from the southeast , passing near downtown where it meets the northern terminus of M @-@ 49 . The highway leaves Litchfield heading northwest on Homer Road for a few miles before bending to the north as it crosses into Calhoun County . The trunkline passes through more farmland as it runs toward Homer on Hillsdale Street . In Homer , after passing through a roundabout , M @-@ 99 meets up with M @-@ 60 and the two highways run concurrently through the town to the northeast . The road briefly splits into a divided highway near the end of the concurrency . M @-@ 99 heads north , while M @-@ 60 continues eastward . From here , M @-@ 99 continues northward on 28 Mile Road toward the city of Albion . After crossing the Kalamazoo River in downtown , M @-@ 99 merges with Business Loop I @-@ 94 (BL I @-@ 94) . M @-@ 99 continues east concurrently with the business loop on Michigan Avenue passing near Albion College before heading back north to an interchange with I @-@ 94 at exit 124 ; this interchange marks the end of BL I @-@ 94 and M @-@ 99 continues northward on Eaton Rapids Road .

M @-@ 99 heads north through farmland to the village of Springport where it turns eastward along Main Street as it passes through the town . The highway continues easterly on Eaton Rapids Road before turning northward to cross into Eaton County . Shortly after crossing the county line , M @-@ 50 comes in from the southwest to meet up with M @-@ 99 . The two highways travel together into Eaton Rapids . Together they form Main Street in the city before they separate on the north side of town . M @-@ 50 leaves to the northwest as Dexter Road , and M @-@ 99 continues to the northeast as Canal and Michigan streets . For the next few miles , the trunkline splits into a divided highway and runs parallel to the general course of the Grand River . M @-@ 99 crosses the river southeast of Diamondale after the opposing directions merge back together as an undivided

highway . North of the river crossing , M @-@ 99 meets I @-@ 96 at the latter 's exit 101 on the southern border of Lansing .

From I @-@ 96 , the road continues north through residential neighborhoods into Lansing as Martin Luther King Jr . Boulevard . The highway travels northeasterly through the southern side of the capital city , as far as Jolly Road . There it turns northward through the Old Everett Neighborhood . The street is bordered by commercial properties in this area . M @-@ 99 widens into a boulevard south of the intersection with Mount Hope Avenue before crossing the Grand River . North of the river , the highway is bordered by the site of the former Lansing Car Assembly plant , which for a century produced Oldsmobiles and other GM cars . M @-@ 99 ends at a junction with I @-@ 496 just north of the assembly plant area at exit 5 ; MLK Boulevard continues north from this interchange as the Capitol Loop .

M @-@ 99 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 @-@ 99 were the 32 @,@ 262 vehicles daily north of Mount Hope Avenue in Lansing ; the lowest counts were the 2 @,@ 300 vehicles per day between the state line and the M @-@ 34 junction . No section of M @-@ 99 has been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

= = = Previous designations = = =

When the state highway system was originally signed in 1919 , M @-@ 99 was designated on a road between the Lake Michigan shoreline and M @-@ 11 (now US 31) between Muskegon and Hart . This highway was decommissioned in 1929 . In 1931 , M @-@ 99 was designated on a gravel road in the Upper Peninsula from US 2 just east of Gulliver) to Port Inland on Lake Michigan . This highway was decommissioned as well in 1939 .

= = = Current designation = = =

In 1919 , the highway that is now M @-@ 99 was first signed as M @-@ 64 from the Ohio state line to Hillsdale and as M @-@ 34 from Hillsdale to the Litchfield area . In 1924 , the western terminus of M @-@ 34 was extended to Homer where it terminated at M @-@ 60 . Just a few years later , in 1926 , the western terminus was truncated , to end at Hillsdale , with the remainder to Jonesville becoming an extension of the M @-@ 64 .

In 1929 , this version of M @-@ 64 was renumbered M @-@ 9 . In 1934 , M @-@ 9 traveled on Pioneer Road in Hillsdale County , from the Ohio border before turning west on Burt Road , north on Clark Road , west on Montgomery Road then north onto Hillsdale Road . During this time a loop was planned to continue north from the corner of Pioneer and Burt Roads to Montgomery Road where it turned west and met back up with M @-@ 9 at Clark Road . This short loop was designated M @-@ 158 , however later in the year the routing of M @-@ 9 was shifted onto the M @-@ 158 alignment , eliminating that route . By the middle of 1936 , the highway was extended northward to end in Lansing . The M @-@ 9 designation was replaced with M @-@ 99 in 1940 .

By 1947 , M @-@ 99 was completely paved . One segment between Litchfield and Homer was converted back to gravel surface in 1952 ; a change that was reverted two years later . By 1960 , the former US 12 / M @-@ 99 concurrency through Albion was redesignated Business US 12 through the city when the I @-@ 94 / US 12 freeway was completed . Within a year , that business loop was redesignated BL I @-@ 94 when the US 12 designation was removed from the freeway and applied to the former US 112 ; at the same time , the US 112 / M @-@ 99 concurrency in

Jonesville became US 12 / M @-@ 99 as well .

A new alignment of M @-@ 99 highway was opened from the Ransom area north to Osseo in 1966 ; the western terminus of M @-@ 34 was scaled back to end at the new highway near Osseo and M @-@ 99 supplanted M @-@ 34 from Osseo to Hillsdale . The divided highway section of M @-@ 99 was opened north of Eaton Rapids in 1979 .

= = Major intersections = =