

= M @-@ 13 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 13 is a 73 @. @ 339 @-@ mile (118 @. @ 028 km) north ? south state trunkline highway that runs through the Saginaw Bay region of the US state of Michigan . It runs from Interstate 69 (I @-@ 69) south of Lennon to US Highway 23 (US 23) near Standish . The southern section of the trunkline runs along a pair of county lines in a rural area dominated by farm fields . The highway directly connects the downtown areas of both Saginaw and Bay City . North of the latter city , the Lake Huron Circle Tour follows M @-@ 13 along the Saginaw Bay .

The original 1919 version of M @-@ 13 ran along the west side of the state , roughly replaced by what is now US 131 in 1926 . The current highway was first designated by 1932 with the M @-@ 13 moniker . After a series of extensions in the 1930s , the highway ran from Lennon to Saginaw . Another set of expansions in the 1960s added roadways that previously carried US 23 all the way north to the Standish area . A related section of highway is numbered Connector M @-@ 13 , a connector route that was once part of US 23 in the Kawkawlin area .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 13 starts at its junction with I @-@ 69 near the village of Lennon along the Genesee ? Shiawassee county line . The highway follows County Line Road north into the village where it follows Sheridan Avenue through town , including a crossing of the Huron and Eastern Railway North of Lennon , the trunkline intersects M @-@ 21 and continues along the county line through fields . Northeast of New Lothrop , M @-@ 13 moves from the Genesee ? Shiawassee county line to the Genesee ? Saginaw county line . Near Montrose , the highway intersects M @-@ 57 before passing into woodlands while crossing fully into Saginaw County .

M @-@ 13 angles to the northwest briefly before returning to a due north course along East Road . The highway crosses the Flint River in another area of farm fields . As the road approaches Saginaw , it crosses the Cass River and runs to the east of it as it merges with the Shiawassee River and the Tittabawassee River to form the Saginaw River . M @-@ 13 follows Washington Avenue in the city of Saginaw inland from , but parallel to , the Saginaw River through downtown . The trunkline intersects M @-@ 46 , which follows Rust Avenue , and passes Hoyt Park . Washington Avenue runs by the campus of St. Mary 's of Michigan Medical Center . As the highway passes out of downtown , it crosses or runs alongside lines of the Saginaw Bay Southern and Lake State railways .

Running immediately next to the river , M @-@ 13 meets I @-@ 75 / US 23 at that freeway 's exit 153 just southeast of the Zilwaukee Bridge . The highway runs along Bay City Road as it continues to follow the Saginaw River through the Crow Island State Game Area . On the south side of Bay City , the name changes to River Road . M @-@ 13 passes the James Clements Municipal Airport and transitions to follow Broadway Street into downtown . At Lafayette Street , M @-@ 13 turns west and merges with M @-@ 84 . The two highways run concurrently across the Saginaw River on the Lafayette Avenue Bridge . The structure 's two spans connect the riverbanks with the Middle Ground Island in the center . West of the bridge , M @-@ 13 / M @-@ 84 follows Salzburg Avenue to the intersection with Euclid Avenue . At that location , M @-@ 13 turns north along Euclid Avenue , which runs along the western city line . M @-@ 13 meets the 2 one @-@ way streets that carry M @-@ 25 and the I @-@ 75 business spur at the intersections with Thomas and Jenny streets . From this intersection on , M @-@ 13 forms a part of the Lake Huron Circle Tour . Farther north , the highway turns northwesterly on Huron Road ; Euclid Avenue continues north as M @-@ 247 .

As the trunkline heads away from Bay City , it runs parallel to the Lake State Railway again . M @-@ 13 intersects the northern end of its connector route before Huron Road crosses the Kawkawlin River . The highway runs through the community of the same name on the north side of the river . M @-@ 13 and Huron Road continue north across mixed agricultural and forest land as they pass through the communities of Linwood and Pinconning . South of Standish in Arenac County , M @-@ 13 meets the northern end of the US 23 freeway and terminates .

M @-@ 13 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 2009 showed that the highest traffic levels along M @-@ 13 were the 28 @,@ 242 vehicles daily north of the M @-@ 25 junction in Bay City ; the lowest counts were the 3381 vehicles per day south of the I @-@ 75 / US 23 interchange near Saginaw . The only sections of M @-@ 13 that have been listed on the National Highway System (NHS) are along the M @-@ 84 concurrency and Euclid Avenue south of Wilder Road in the Bay City area . The NHS is a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

= = Previous designation = =

When the state highway system was first signed in 1919 , M @-@ 13 followed the general path of the modern US 131 . The highway specifically ran along what is now M @-@ 103 , US 12 , the pre @-@ freeway US 131 , M @-@ 113 , M @-@ 186 , US 131 , US 31 and M @-@ 119 between the Indiana state line south of Mottville to Harbor Springs . When the United States Numbered Highway System was created on November 11 , 1926 , US 131 replaced M @-@ 13 from the state line north to Fife Lake ; from Fife Lake north to Harbor Springs , the highway was redesignated M @-@ 131 .

= = Current highway = =

The Michigan State Highway Department (MSHD) used the M @-@ 13 designation for a highway at the end of 1932 that that connected M @-@ 78 and M @-@ 21 through Lennon . By the middle of 1936 , the highway had been extended northward to end at a junction with M @-@ 46 in Saginaw . The entire trunkline was paved in the middle of 1939 . Later the next year , the section in Saginaw was extended a bit farther along Washington Avenue to end at a junction with US 10 and US 23 . A section of the then @-@ M @-@ 78 freeway (now I @-@ 69) opened between 1958 and 1960 ; when this freeway opened , M @-@ 13 was truncated northwards slightly in the Lennon area to end at the new highway . The first section of the US 23 freeway around Bay City opened in late 1960 or early 1961 . When it opened , MSHD extended M @-@ 13 along the former route of US 23 from the northside of Saginaw into Bay City to the end of the freeway at Kawkawlin . The I @-@ 75 / US 23 freeway north of the Kawkawlin area to Standish opened in 1967 , and M @-@ 13 is shown on maps following US 23 's former route through Linwood and Pinconning after the change . The routing of M @-@ 13 has stayed the same since .

= = Major intersections = =

= = Connector route = =

M @-@ 13 Connector (CONN M @-@ 13) is a connector route running 2 @. @ 414 miles (3 @. @ 885 km) connecting I @-@ 75 / US 23 to M @-@ 13 near the community of Kawkawlin , just north of Bay City . The short freeway was originally the northern end of the US 23 freeway in the area when it opened . The current designation was applied in 1967 .