

= M @-@ 27 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 27 is a north ? south state trunkline highway in the extreme north of the Lower Peninsula of the US state of Michigan . The trunkline runs between Interstate 75 (I @-@ 75) just north of Indian River and Cheboygan , where it meets US Highway 23 (US 23) near Lake Huron . It remains as a relic of the old US 27 which disappeared north of Grayling after being supplanted by I @-@ 75 , which lies close to old US 27 between Grayling and Indian River .

= = Route description = =

I @-@ 75 takes a more direct route between Indian River and Mackinaw City . M @-@ 27 follows old US 27 through Topinabee and Cheboygan . With US 23 it is a scenic , if indirect , alternative to I @-@ 75 on its approach to the Mackinac Bridge . M @-@ 27 runs along the western shore of Mullett Lake and forms the main street of Topinabee . The highway intersects M @-@ 33 near the confluence of the Cheboygan and Black rivers . North of the M @-@ 33 junction , M @-@ 27 runs parallel to the Cheboygan River on the west river bank into downtown Cheboygan .

M @-@ 27 has the local road name of Main Street in Cheboygan and Straits Highway outside of the city . State Street (US 23) and Main Street (M @-@ 27) form the two major streets in the Cheboygan street grid . The main downtown businesses are located along Main Street south to the city limits . The highway has not been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's defense , economy and mobility .

= = History = =

= = = Previous alignment = = =

This is the second time a highway was designated M @-@ 27 in Michigan . The original M @-@ 27 was located in The Thumb , running from the Mount Clemens area east and north through New Baltimore to Port Huron . There it ran through Carsonville and Minden City to Harbor Beach and along Lake Huron to Port Austin . This version of M @-@ 27 was designated by July 1 , 1919 , and would last until 1926 . All of the original M @-@ 27 was given to other contemporary highways including M @-@ 29 (Mount Clemens to Port Huron) , M @-@ 51 (Port Huron to M @-@ 83) , and M @-@ 29 (Harbor Beach to Port Austin) .

= = = Current alignment = = =

In the late 1950s , US 27 was the main highway connection between Grayling , Gaylord , and Cheboygan . After the construction of the Mackinac Bridge , US 27 was extended north to St. Ignace . The construction of I @-@ 75 in the early 1960s obsoleted the northern portion of US 27 . Between Grayling and Indian River , I @-@ 75 replaced US 27 as the main highway in the area . North of Indian River , I @-@ 75 was built along a different routing . Where US 27 ran northwest through Topinabee to Cheboygan and then concurrently along US 23 to Mackinaw City , I @-@ 75 was built due north of Indian River before turning northwest parallel and several miles inland from Lake Huron , bypassing Cheboygan completely . M @-@ 27 was designated in the latter half of 1961 on the current alignment replacing US 27 which was truncated back to Grayling . Today , the stretch from Grayling to about Wolverine is known as Old 27 , and from there to Indian River , it is called Straits Highway .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Cheboygan County .