

= M @-@ 32 ( Michigan highway ) =

M @-@ 32 is a state trunkline highway in the Lower Peninsula of the U.S. state of Michigan . It is an east ? west route running just over 100 miles ( 160 @.@ 9 km ) from M @-@ 66 in East Jordan to US Highway 23 ( US 23 ) in Alpena . It runs via Gaylord and Atlanta through forested terrain . There is one business spur for the highway that currently exists .

The highway has been extended a few times during its history , once reaching both lakes Michigan and Huron . Although it is no longer a true " cross @-@ peninsular " highway , it is close , and there are efforts being made to extend the road back to US 31 , restoring the cross @-@ peninsular status lost in 1974 when it was shortened away from Charlevoix .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 32 starts at the corner of Lake and Water streets in East Jordan . From there it follows Water , Bridge , Mill and State streets through town . It finally turns south on Maple Street leaving town . The trunkline turns east on Rogers Road south of Patricia Lake and then runs southeast into Antrim County . There it joins US 131 along a concurrency before turning east through Elmira and running east toward Gaylord . North of the Alba Road intersection , M @-@ 32 passes a cluster of lakes that includes Lake 27 . Continuing east , M @-@ 32 crosses through a retail corridor before it passes under Interstate 75 ( I @-@ 75 ) and runs into downtown Gaylord with Business Loop I @-@ 75 ( BL I @-@ 75 ) . Passing out of Gaylord , the highway runs southeasterly toward Johannesburg . The road passes Big Lake and turns south on Turtle Lake Road at the intersection with Beckett Road . The highway resumes its eastward path on McCoy Road into Johannesburg . It passes through the community and meets the county line in Vienna . There M @-@ 32 turns northwesterly to Atlanta . In town , M @-@ 32 meets and joins M @-@ 33 . The two highways cross the Thunder Bay River before parting ways east of Atlanta in Avery Township . M @-@ 32 turns north by Fletcher Pond , which straddles the Montmorency ? Alpena county line . Outside of the village of Hillman , M @-@ 32 passes Business M @-@ 32 ( BUS M @-@ 32 ) . In western Alpena County , the trunkline runs to the north of Manning Hill and passes the south end of the Alpena County Regional Airport outside Alpena . In the city , M @-@ 32 follows Washington Avenue , then briefly turns onto a one @-@ way pair with eastbound along Second Avenue and westbound along Third Avenue . The end of the highway is at US 23 , blocks from the Thunder Bay of Lake Huron .

All of M @-@ 32 consists of rural two @-@ lane highway outside of the city of Gaylord . The highway passes through forest lands outside of the communities along the highway . From US 131 east to the eastern terminus at US 23 , M @-@ 32 is listed on the National Highway System ( NHS ) , a group of highways which are determined to be important to the nation 's economy , defense , and mobility . The exception is a portion in eastern Otsego and western Montmorency counties , between the corner of Beckett & Turtle Lake Roads , six miles ( 10 km ) east of Gaylord to the crossroads known as Big Rock , five miles ( 8 km ) west of Atlanta .

= = History = =

M @-@ 32 was formed as a state trunkline in 1919 along its present routing between M @-@ 13 ( now US 131 ) and M @-@ 10 ( later US 23 , now M @-@ 65 ) near Lachine . In 1933 , M @-@ 32 was extended westerly along M @-@ 131 and then to M @-@ 66 in East Jordan . The concurrency along M @-@ 131 would remain when US 131 replaced it in 1939 . Another change in this year comes on the east end as US 23 is realigned north of Alpena . M @-@ 32 takes over the US 23 routing between Lachine and Alpena . M @-@ 32 would be extended along M @-@ 66 to Charlevoix from 1964 until 1974 . Bus . M @-@ 32 would be disconnected from M @-@ 32 when the latter is realigned in Hillman in 1994 .

= = Future = =

As stated above , a portion of M @-@ 32 is not on the NHS . Instead , the Federal Highway Administration map for the NHS in Michigan shows a proposed realignment that has not been built as of 2008 .

Municipal officials in the Village of Ellsworth have sought an extension of M @-@ 32 westward from East Jordan to end at US 31 . Such an extension would restore M @-@ 32 's status as a " cross @-@ peninsular " highway , making it the 4th if extended .

= = Major intersections = =

= = Business spur = =

Business M @-@ 32 ( Bus . M @-@ 32 ) is a .738 @-@ mile ( 1 @-@ 188 km ) business spur route running through Hillman , Michigan . There are markers present , but Bus . M @-@ 32 does not connect to M @-@ 32 . It is the shortest business route in the state , and the second shortest overall trunkline . It is 0 @-@ 006 miles ( 0 @-@ 010 km ) longer than M @-@ 212 in Aloha . The termini for Bus . M @-@ 32 are Hillman Road and Old M @-@ 32 south of Hillman and the northern city limit along Hillman Road .