

## = Business routes of Interstate 69 in Michigan =

There are currently four business routes of Interstate 69 ( I @-@ 69 ) in the US state of Michigan . Designated Business Loop Interstate 69 ( BL I @-@ 69 ) , they are all former routings of I @-@ 69 's predecessor highways , US Highway 27 ( US 27 ) , M @-@ 78 or M @-@ 21 , in whole or in part . The BL I @-@ 69 in Coldwater and the one in Charlotte were both parts of US 27 before the freeway bypassed those two cities in 1967 and the early 1970s , respectively . The BL I @-@ 69 through Lansing and East Lansing was previously part of M @-@ 78 and Temporary I @-@ 69 until it was redesignated in 1987 . Before 1984 , the loop in Port Huron was originally part of M @-@ 21 and was initially a business spur numbered Business Spur Interstate 69 ( BS I @-@ 69 ) . It was later redesignated when it was extended to run concurrently with that city 's BL I @-@ 94 which was originally part of I @-@ 94 's predecessor , US 25 . Each business loop follows streets through each city 's downtown areas and connects to I @-@ 69 on both ends , giving traffic a route through the downtown and back to the freeway .

### = = Coldwater = =

Business Loop I @-@ 69 ( BL I @-@ 69 ) is a business loop formed from part of the old US 27 and part of US 12 near and through Coldwater . At the southern end , it begins at exit 10 on I @-@ 69 where Fenn Road crosses the freeway . The business loop follows the two @-@ lane Fenn Road west for about three @-@ quarters of a mile ( 1 @.@ 2 km ) , then curves north to merge with old US 27 ( Angola Road ) . The highway runs northward through farmland south of Coldwater , and after approximately two miles ( 3 @.@ 2 km ) , it enters the city limit at Garfield Road . Once in Coldwater , the business loop follows Clay Street through residential neighborhoods . After another half mile ( 0 @.@ 8 km ) , the highway reaches a fork where Clay Street continues due north and Division Street branches to the northeast ; BL I @-@ 69 follows the four @-@ lane Division Street for about another mile ( 1 @.@ 6 km ) to the main intersection in the city known locally as " the Four Corners . " This intersection is where old US 27 intersects US 12 ( Chicago Street ) . BL I @-@ 69 turns eastward along the four @-@ lane US 12 and continues from the Four Corners back to I @-@ 69 at exit 13 .

In 1919 , the Michigan State Highway Department ( MSHD ) signposted the highway system for the first time , and the future US 27 corridor through Coldwater was part of the original M @-@ 29 . On November 11 , 1926 , the United States Numbered Highway System was approved by the American Association of State Highway Officials ( AASHO ) , and the new US 27 replaced M @-@ 29 in the area . In September 1967 , the freeway bypassing Coldwater opened . At the same time , the old route through the city was redesignated as BL I @-@ 69 .

#### Major intersections

The entire highway is in Branch County .

### = = Charlotte = =

Business Loop I @-@ 69 ( BL I @-@ 69 ) is a business loop that took over the Business US 27 ( Bus . US 27 ) route inside Charlotte . It is a surface street for the nearly five miles ( 8 @.@ 0 km ) of the loop . The trunkline starts just outside the city of Charlotte at exit 57 and follows Cochran Road . The loop travels due north through rural areas south of town along a two @-@ lane road . North of a crossing of the Battle Creek River , Cochran Road widens to include a center turn lane . About 2 3 ? 4 miles ( 4 @.@ 4 km ) north of the starting point , BL I @-@ 69 begins a 3 ? 4 @-@ mile ( 1 @.@ 2 km ) concurrency with M @-@ 50 at Shepherd Street . North of Warren Avenue , BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 50 widens to four lanes , two in each direction . The concurrency ends at Lawrence Avenue ; M @-@ 50 continues north , and the business loop heads east on Lawrence Avenue for a few blocks . That intersection also marks the eastern terminus of M @-@ 79 . From that point , BL I @-@ 69 follows Lawrence Avenue and then veers northeast onto Lansing Street to complete its loop at exit 61 .

In 1919 , the MSHD signposted the highway system for the first time , and the future US 27 corridor through Charlotte was part of the original M @-@ 29 . On November 11 , 1926 , the United States Numbered Highway System was approved by the AASHO and the new US 27 replaced M @-@ 29 through Coldwater . By the end of the next year , M @-@ 78 was extended from downtown Charlotte along US 27 to run northeasterly toward Lansing . The highway through downtown Charlotte was first designated Bus . US 27 after the 1961 completion of a non @-@ freeway bypass , a two @-@ lane , limited @-@ access highway east of the city . At that point I @-@ 69 only existed in the southern parts of Michigan . That freeway was not extended up to the city when the southernmost segment of I @-@ 69 was completed in 1967 . By 1971 , I @-@ 69 was completed to Charlotte and at the time US 27 was cosigned with I @-@ 69 , the bypass being incorporated into I @-@ 69 . For three years the business loop in Charlotte was not signed as BL I @-@ 69 , but it was so designated in 1974 and Bus . US 27 was decommissioned in and near Charlotte .

#### Major intersections

The entire highway is in Eaton County .

= = Lansing = =

Business Loop I @-@ 69 , or BL I @-@ 69 , is a business loop in the Lansing area . It is the longest business route in the state of Michigan at a length of over 14 1 / 2 miles ( 23 @. @ 3 km ) . Beginning at exit 93 on I @-@ 96 / I @-@ 69 in Eaton County west of the city , the business loop runs concurrently with M @-@ 43 east along Saginaw Highway . The roadway has five total lanes , two in each direction separated by a center turn lane , as it travels through commercial areas in Delta Township and past the Lansing Mall . BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 43 continues east on Saginaw Highway and crosses into Ingham County at Waverly Road . From the county line eastward , the highway is known as Saginaw Street , and it passes through residential neighborhoods . Within the city of Lansing , BL I @-@ 69 utilizes a one @-@ way pair of three @-@ to @-@ four @-@ lane streets : Saginaw Street eastbound and Oakland Street westbound . One block separates the two directions of BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 43 until the intersection with Martin Luther King Jr . Boulevard near the St. Lawrence Campus of the Sparrow Hospital ; east of this intersection two blocks separate the two directions of the highway . The business loop crosses the Grand River in downtown Lansing near the campus of Lansing Community College north of the Michigan State Capitol .

On the eastern side of the river just north of Cooley Law School Stadium , BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 43 intersects the one @-@ way pair of Cedar and Larch streets that carries the two directions of BL I @-@ 96 . BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 43 continues through residential areas east of the other business loop . Near Marshall Park between Maryland Avenue and Marshall Street , Oakland Avenue ends and Grand River Avenue takes over for the westbound direction of BL I @-@ 69 / M @-@ 43 . Further east near the interchange with US 127 , Grand River Avenue and Saginaw Street cross each other . M @-@ 43 departs to the southeast via Grand River Avenue while BL I @-@ 69 turns northeasterly via the four @-@ lane Saginaw Street . East of this intersection , BL I @-@ 69 crosses into East Lansing and runs through residential areas on the north side of the city . The roadway turns due east at Abbot Road . At an intersection with Haslett Road , Saginaw Street widens into a four @-@ lane divided highway with a grassy median . Along this section , it resumes the Saginaw Highway name and turns northeasterly again , crossing into Meridian Township . The major intersections along Saginaw Highway have Michigan left turns as well . Before the business loop ends , it crosses into Clinton County . The eastern end of BL I @-@ 69 is located at exit 94 on I @-@ 69 in Bath Township .

In 1919 , the MSHD signposted the highway system for the first time , and the east ? west highways through Lansing were part of the original M @-@ 29 through downtown and the original M @-@ 39 north of downtown . The north ? south highway in Lansing was the original M @-@ 14 . On November 11 , 1926 , the United States Numbered Highway System was approved by the AASHO , and the new US 27 replaced M @-@ 29 and M @-@ 14 in the area . By the end of the next year , M @-@ 78 was extended from Charlotte along US 27 to through downtown Lansing . M @-@ 78

separated from US 27 in downtown Lansing and continued northeasterly through the northern part of East Lansing . M @-@ 39 was replaced with an extended M @-@ 43 in 1938 .

As the freeways in the Lansing area were completed in the 1960s through the 1980s , the highways through downtown changed designations . The section of I @-@ 96 west of Lansing opened in December 1962 . In 1973 , M @-@ 78 was converted to a freeway near the Flint area , and from Olivet southwest of Lansing to the new freeway , the old highway was redesignated Temporary I @-@ 69 ( Temp . I @-@ 69 ) . Additional segments of I @-@ 69 north of Lansing were finished in 1984 and 1987 . I @-@ 69 was routed over I @-@ 96 and the new freeway north of Lansing , and the business loop was designated along M @-@ 43 and the former Temp . I @-@ 69 in 1987 after that second segment opened .

Major intersections

= = Port Huron = =

Business Loop I @-@ 69 ( BL I @-@ 69 ) is a business loop running through downtown Port Huron . The first mile or so ( 1 @. @ 7 km ) of BL I @-@ 69 runs southeasterly from I @-@ 69 at the interchange where it meets I @-@ 94 . The business loop follows a four @-@ lane freeway until the intersection with 32nd Street . A bit further east , it turns due east ? west into a one @-@ way pair of three @-@ lane surface streets , eastbound along Oak Street and westbound along Griswold Street , that run through residential areas on the west and south sides of Port Huron . East of 23rd Street. the two halves of BL I @-@ 69 narrow to two lanes each . In downtown Port Huron , BL I @-@ 69 turns northerly running concurrently with BL I @-@ 94 on four @-@ lane Military Avenue parallel to the St. Clair River . North of the crossing of the Black River , BL I @-@ 69 / BL I @-@ 94 continues northward on Huron Avenue through downtown . At the intersection with Glenwood Avenue , the business loop turns northwesterly onto Pine Grove Avenue through residential areas on the north side of the city . The street is five lanes , two in each direction with a center turn lane , and passes under the I @-@ 94 / I @-@ 69 freeway at the toll and customs plazas for the Blue Water Bridge ; north of the freeway , there is a ramp to connect to the eastbound direction of the freeway and the bridge . The business loop continues along Pine Grove Avenue , intersecting the southern end of M @-@ 25 at Hancock Street . At that intersection , the business loop turns westward for a block . It then turns south along the connector to terminate at westbound I @-@ 94 / I @-@ 69 west of the Blue Water Bridge toll plaza .

In 1919 , the MSHD signposted the highway system for the first time , and the east ? west highway through Port Huron was part of the original M @-@ 19 , and the north ? south highway was part of the original M @-@ 27 . M @-@ 21 was extended over M @-@ 19 into Port Huron by 1924 . On November 11 , 1926 , the United States Numbered Highway System was approved by the AASHO , and the new US 25 replaced M @-@ 27 in the area . In 1964 , a section of I @-@ 94 in the Port Huron area was completed . The former route of US 25 through downtown was redesignated Bus . US 25 when the main highway was shifted out to the freeway . The first freeway segment of M @-@ 21 was built into the Port Huron area in 1966 ; the freeway directly tied into the western end of the old route into downtown . In 1973 , US 25 was decommissioned in the state , and the former Bus . US 25 was renumbered BL I @-@ 94 . The remaining segment of freeway along the M @-@ 21 corridor opened in 1984 as I @-@ 69 ; after this freeway opened , M @-@ 21 was shortened to Flint , and the former M @-@ 21 in Port Huron became Business Spur I @-@ 69 . To connect back to I @-@ 69 , the business route was extended northward along BL I @-@ 94 when that highway was designated through downtown in 1986 .

Major intersections

The entire highway is in St. Clair County .