

= M @-@ 121 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 121 is a state trunkline highway in West Michigan . The highway follows Chicago Drive , a local roadway , from Zeeland to Grandville . Chicago Drive itself runs past the M @-@ 121 segment on either side from Holland to Wyoming . The roadway passes through rural farmland on a route that runs parallel to Interstate 196 (I @-@ 196) . M @-@ 121 forms the main street through the center of Hudsonville as it runs southwest ? northeast . It forms a major street through the unincorporated community of Jenison before M @-@ 121 terminates at I @-@ 196 in Grandville .

The M @-@ 121 designation has been used twice before in the state . The first was for a former routing of US Highway 2 (US 2) , and the second was for a connection between I @-@ 69 , I @-@ 75 / US 23 and the airport in the Flint area . Since 2007 , M @-@ 121 has been used for a portion of the former M @-@ 21 in Ottawa County , which was formerly designated as state @-@ maintained " Old M @-@ 21 " . Future plans will reconfigure a section of the current highway from four lanes divided to four lanes undivided .

= = Route description = =

Chicago Drive , largely signed as M @-@ 121 , is a combination state trunkline highway and municipal street running from 8th Street in Holland to the intersection of Grandville and Clyde Park avenues at the border of Grand Rapids and Wyoming , approximately 23 @. @ 5 miles (37 @. @ 8 km) in length . Running eastward , Chicago Drive picks up the Business Loop I @-@ 196 designation east of US 31 . The highway has the typical mix of industry and commercial properties for the area . At 112th Avenue , it turns northeasterly to run through Zeeland . The roadway changes names when it turns due east again , where it is named Main Avenue and Main Place , comprising the only section of the route not designated Chicago Drive .

Starting at the corner of Main Street and Chicago Drive , M @-@ 121 runs northeasterly out of Zeeland on Chicago Drive roughly parallel to I @-@ 196 . A CSX railroad line also parallels the road to the northwest . The trunkline is a four @-@ lane divided highway bordered by farms . Passing the Hudsonville Fair Grounds , Chicago Drive enters Hudsonville as the main street downtown . The highway continues to the northeast out of town through suburban residential areas to Jenison , where once again Chicago Drive is bordered by commercial properties . Through this area , the roadway is divided , utilizing Michigan lefts . The M @-@ 121 designation ends at the interchange with I @-@ 196 just across the Kent County line in Grandville .

The corridor from I @-@ 196 to its end in Grand Rapids is lined with businesses and few houses . The intersection of Chicago Drive and Wilson Avenue is downtown Grandville . In Wyoming from north of M @-@ 11 (28th Street) to Burlingame Avenue , Chicago Drive run through a mostly industrial area with few commercial properties . Northeast of about Byron Center Avenue , Chicago Drive carries Business Spur I @-@ 196 (BS I @-@ 196) . At the corner with Grandville and Clyde Park avenues , Chicago Drive ends and BS I @-@ 196 continues .

M @-@ 121 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 lowest traffic levels along M @-@ 121 were the 10 @, @ 103 vehicles daily at the western terminus in Zeeland ; the highest counts were the 20 @, @ 140 vehicles per day at the eastern terminus . None of M @-@ 121 has been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

There have been three roadways to carry the M @-@ 121 designation in Michigan .

== Previous routings ==

M @-@ 121 was also used as the designation along two other roadways . In 1933 , it was used for a former routing of US 2 in the Upper Peninsula . In 1935 , this route was redesignated as a portion of a new M @-@ 5 and the M @-@ 121 designation was transferred to Bristol Road in Flint . This Flint @-@ area trunkline provided access to Bishop International Airport from both of the I @-@ 69 and I @-@ 75 / US 23 freeways until it was retired in 2003 . At that time , Bristol Road was returned to local control .

== Current routing ==

From 1919 to 1926 , the current highway known as M @-@ 121 was designated M @-@ 51 . Then until 1974 , the trunkline was part of M @-@ 21 ; that designation was removed when I @-@ 196 was completed between those Zeeland and Grandville , and much of the route became an unsigned state trunkline designated Old M @-@ 21 , although it is locally referred to by its given name , Chicago Drive . The portion of Chicago Drive now signed as M @-@ 121 is 12 @.@ 763 miles (20 @.@ 540 km) long ; it was given its designation in late 2007 .

== Future ==

Portions of the four @-@ lane divided surface access highway along M @-@ 121 will become four @-@ lane undivided as the westbound lanes are shifted south away from unstable soil and parallel train tracks .

== Major intersections ==