

= M @-@ 39 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 39 is a 16 miles (26 km) long state trunkline highway in Metro Detroit area of the US state of Michigan that runs from Lincoln Park , on the south end , to Southfield on the north . The official southern terminus of M @-@ 39 is at the corner of Southfield Road and Lafayette Boulevard in Lincoln Park , one block southeast of the junction of Interstate 75 (I @-@ 75 , Fisher Freeway) and two blocks northwest of M @-@ 85 (Fort Street) . From there the highway heads northward . The first 2 @. @ 3 miles (3 @. @ 7 km) of the highway follows Southfield Road , a divided highway in the Downriver area . It then transitions into the Southfield Freeway , which is a 13 @. @ 7 miles (22 @. @ 0 km) long freeway that runs from Allen Park north through Dearborn , and then the west side of Detroit , to Southfield . The northern terminus is at M @-@ 10 (Lodge Freeway) in Southfield .

The current M @-@ 39 is the third highway to bear the designation . The first dated back to the origins of the state highway system in 1919 and ran between Grand Rapids and Lansing . This highway was replaced in segments through the 1920s and 1930s by realignments or extensions of other highways in the area . The second was part of Schaefer Highway in the Detroit area from 1939 until the end of the 1950s . The current highway was commissioned when the M @-@ 39 designation was moved to Southfield Road from Schaefer Highway . During the 1960s , it was converted into a freeway in stages . Afterwards , it was extended to end at M @-@ 85 (Fort Street) before a change in the 1980s gave the trunkline its present termini .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 39 begins at Lafayette Boulevard a block east of its junction with I @-@ 75 in Lincoln Park . From there the road is a six @-@ lane boulevard through residential areas as it runs west @-@ northwesterly to pass under I @-@ 75 . In Allen Park , the highway continues through residential and commercial areas . Southfield Road crosses lines of the Norfolk Southern Railway and Conrail Shared Assets Operations near the location where the highway turns to the northeast and transitions into a six @-@ lane limited @-@ access freeway . Immediately after this transition , the Southfield Freeway , as M @-@ 39 is now called , has an interchange with I @-@ 94 . There is a second , adjacent interchange that connects to Van Born Road , and the freeway winds its way northeasterly through Dearborn . The freeway is bordered by service drives that carry one @-@ way traffic and bear the Southfield Road name on either side . M @-@ 39 meets Outer Drive near the campus of the University of Michigan ? Dearborn . The adjoining properties are residential to the west and commercial to the east . Near Greenfield Village , the freeway curves to the northwest around the Ford Proving Grounds before turning to the north , a direction it will maintain until the end of its run . The freeway crosses the River Rouge and meets US Highway 12 (Michigan Avenue) next to the Fairlane Town Center and Ford Motor Company 's world headquarters in Dearborn .

North of the interchange for M @-@ 153 , (Ford Road) , M @-@ 39 crosses into Detroit . From there the road continues through the densely populated areas of the west side of the city . Next to the Chicago Road overpass , the freeway runs under a CSX Transportation rail line . The trunkline continues traveling to the north through a series of interchanges . The first is a partial interchange for Plymouth Road ; northbound traffic exiting here is directed to use the service drive northbound to access Schoolcraft Road , and traffic can enter M @-@ 39 southbound . Next is the stack interchange with I @-@ 96 (Jeffries Freeway) with access to both the local and express lanes of that freeway . The last of the series is another partial interchange with Schoolcraft Road . As a counterpart to the Plymouth Road interchange , this one provides access from southbound M @-@ 39 to the cross street with a signed connection along the southbound service drive to Plymouth Road and an entry point for northbound traffic . Continuing north , M @-@ 39 comes to an interchange with M @-@ 5 (Grand River Avenue) which also connects to Fenkell Avenue , the 5 Mile Road equivalent on Detroit 's mile road system .

There are three more interchanges along M @-@ 39 in Detroit as the freeway continues through the residential upper west side . Near the Wayne Community College District , the freeway meets McNichols Road (6 Mile) . There is another interchange approximately one mile (1 @. @ 6 km)

north at 7 Mile Road as well . The road then crosses the border between Wayne and Oakland counties to enter Southfield at the interchange with M @-@ 102 (8 Mile Road) . The Southfield Freeway , and M @-@ 39 , terminates at an interchange with M @-@ 10 (John C. Lodge Freeway) near 9 Mile Road . Southfield Road continues northward from the end of the freeway under local maintenance .

M @-@ 39 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 highest traffic levels along M @-@ 39 were the 159 @,@ 400 vehicles daily between Schoolcraft Road and Grand River Avenue in Detroit ; the lowest counts were the 20 @,@ 400 vehicles per day between the I @-@ 94 and Van Born Road interchanges . All of M @-@ 39 , and Southfield Road on either end that is not under state maintenance , has been listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

= = = Previous designations = = =

Two previous highways bore the M @-@ 39 designation . When the state highway system was first signed in 1919 , the number was assigned to a highway that ran between Grand Rapids and Lansing . The westernmost end in Kent County near Alto was replaced by a realigned M @-@ 16 . Within the next few years , the western end was scaled back further to the Woodbury area when M @-@ 50 was extended , with the remainder replaced by an extended M @-@ 43 around 1938 .

The next trunkline to be designated M @-@ 39 was Schaefer Highway in 1939 , running north ? south from US 25 (Dix Avenue) in Melvindale to US 16 (Grand River Avenue) in western Detroit . Since M @-@ 39 was moved to Southfield Road in the end of the 1950s , Schaefer Highway has been a locally maintained road .

= = = Current designation = = =

M @-@ 39 was reassigned to Southfield Road , connecting I @-@ 94 with Northwestern Highway in 1958 @-@ 59 . By 1961 , the freeway was marked as under construction on maps . The first section opened in December 1961 was 2 @.@ 7 miles (4 @.@ 3 km) from Ford Road north to Chicago Road . The remainder of the freeway between I @-@ 94 and the Lodge Freeway and 9 Mile Road was opened by the middle of 1964 at a total cost of \$ 40 million . The highway designation was extended southeasterly along Southfield Road to the new I @-@ 75 freeway and a terminus at M @-@ 85 (Fort Street) in 1966 . In 1987 , the M @-@ 39 designation was truncated slightly so that the trunkline no longer officially connects to M @-@ 85 .

= = Exit list = =