

= M @-@ 79 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 79 is an east ? west state trunkline highway in the central portion of Lower Peninsula of the U.S. state of Michigan . The western terminus is about three miles (4 @. @ 8 km) southeast of Hastings at the junction with M @-@ 37 and the eastern terminus is in downtown Charlotte at the junction with M @-@ 50 and Business Loop Interstate 69 (BL I @-@ 69) . It passes through Quimby and Nashville , where there is a junction with M @-@ 66 . The entire highway is undivided surface road . It has no direct access with Interstate 69 (I @-@ 69) , although a sign for the highway is located on southbound I @-@ 69 at exit 61 .

The highway was first designated in 1919 between Hastings and Battle Creek . It was later moved to run to Charlotte . A section of M @-@ 79 was designated as M @-@ 214 in the 1930s . M @-@ 214 would later be decommissioned as a highway designation and the M @-@ 79 designation was reapplied to the roadway .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 79 starts south of Hastings at a three @-@ way intersection with M @-@ 37 in Hastings Township . The trunkline runs east and parallel to a section of the Thornapple River through wooded terrain that is interspersed with farm fields . South of Thornapple Lake , M @-@ 79 angles southeasterly moving from Quimby Road to Scott Road running parallel to the Thornapple River again into the community of Nashville . M @-@ 79 meets M @-@ 66 and turns south along the latter highway 's route along Main and Durkee streets through the community . South of town in Maple Grove Township , M @-@ 79 separates from M @-@ 66 and turns east along Lawrence Road . Outside of Charlotte , M @-@ 79 curves southeast to transition to Lawrence Avenue through town . The eastern terminus is at an intersection with Cochran Avenue , which carries BL I @-@ 69 and M @-@ 50 .

= = History = =

M @-@ 79 was formed as a state trunkline by July 1 , 1919 along part of its present routing . At the time , it ran between Hastings and Nashville as it does today . From Nashville , the trunkline turned south and west to end at the contemporary M @-@ 17 in Battle Creek . By 1927 , the southernmost section of M @-@ 79 was truncated when M @-@ 78 was extended to Battle Creek . In late 1930 , the southernmost section is shortened once again as a new M @-@ 14 designation replaced M @-@ 79 south of Nashville . An eastward extension of M @-@ 79 at the same time carries the highway designation to Vermontville .

M @-@ 79 was extended easterly to Charlotte in 1934 at the same time that the section of the trunkline between Nashville and Vermontville was redesignated M @-@ 214 . M @-@ 79 was rerouted along Assyria and Lawrence roads at the time to connect the sections of M @-@ 79 on either side of M @-@ 214 . By 1941 , M @-@ 214 was shortened to a 3 @-@ mile (5 km) connector route in downtown Nashville running between M @-@ 79 and M @-@ 66 . In 1953 , M @-@ 79 replaced M @-@ 214 and the latter designation was retired from the highway system . The last section of gravel roadway in Eaton County was paved by 1960 .

= = Major intersections = =