

= M @-@ 13 Connector (Michigan highway) =

Connector M @-@ 13 (Conn . M @-@ 13) is a state trunkline highway running 2 @. @ 41 miles (3 @. @ 88 km) connecting Interstate 75 / US Highway 23 (I @-@ 75 / US 23) to M @-@ 13 near the community of Kawkawlin , just north of Bay City . The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) internally calls the road Connector 13 . The freeway was once the northern end of the US 23 freeway in the area before I @-@ 75 was built to the northwest and US 23 was rerouted to follow it . When these changes were made in 1967 , Conn . M @-@ 13 was designated for the freeway stub .

= = Route description = =

Conn . M @-@ 13 starts at exit 164 along I @-@ 75 / US 23 north of Bay City . At the interchange that marks its southern terminus , the connector route continues to the north while the main I @-@ 75 freeway turns northwesterly . About three @-@ quarters of a mile (1 @. @ 2 km) north , there is an interchange for Wilder Road . Traffic running southbound on the connector that wishes to continue northbound on I @-@ 75 / US 23 has to use Wilder Road to connect to the latter freeway . The connector route is bordered by fields and residential subdivisions as it continues north to the community of Kawkawlin . The freeway ends at an @-@ grade intersection with M @-@ 13 .

Conn . M @-@ 13 is maintained by 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 traffic levels along Conn . M @-@ 13 were 13 @, @ 939 vehicles daily south of the Wilder Road and 7 @, @ 031 vehicles per day north of that interchange . The only section of the freeway that has been listed on the National Highway System (NHS) is from the southern terminus to the Wilder Road interchange . The NHS is a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

This short freeway was opened in late 1960 or early 1961 as the north end of a new US 23 freeway around Bay City . The freeway was extended farther north to the Standish area in 1967 ; M @-@ 13 was extended north to replace the US 23 designation along the latter 's former routing through Pinconning . At that time , the freeway stub north of Bay City became Conn . M @-@ 13 .

= = Exit list = =

The entire highway is in Monitor Township , Bay County . All exits are unnumbered .