

= M @-@ 153 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 153 is a state trunkline highway in the Metro Detroit area of the U.S. state of Michigan . It is also known as Ford Road for nearly its entire length , except for its westernmost portion where the highway follows a short expressway to the M @-@ 14 freeway . Named for William Ford , father of Henry Ford , Ford Road runs from near Dixboro to the Dearborn ? Detroit border . The M @-@ 153 designation continues along Wyoming Avenue where it terminates at a junction with Interstate 94 (I @-@ 94) and US Highway 12 (US 12) on the city line .

Ford Road has been a part of the state highway system since December 3 , 1930 . Since the state has maintained the roadway as M @-@ 153 , it has been extended westward from Wayne County into Washtenaw County and upgraded in sections to expressway conditions . The first of these improvements were made in the 1930s with additional upgrades in the 1960s and 1970s . The last change was made by 1980 to create the modern routing .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 153 starts as an interchange with M @-@ 14 's exit 10 in Superior Township east of Ann Arbor . The highway starts as an expressway curving southeasterly to meet Ford Road near the curve eastward in the expressway at Frains Lake Road , a gravel road northeast of the unincorporated community of Dixboro . Ford Road continues west of here to end at Plymouth Road south of the M @-@ 14 freeway , and east of this location , M @-@ 153 follows Ford Road through wooded , partially developed terrain to the Washtenaw ? Wayne county line at Napier Road . Near the county line are farms until Ford Road reaches residential subdivisions at Ridge Road in Canton Township . At the east edge of the township , Ford Road meets I @-@ 275 at exit 25 before passing into Westland between Lotz and Hix roads .

The interchange with I @-@ 275 is built over the western crossing of Willow Creek , a tributary of the River Rouge ; the eastern crossing is located between Hix and Newburgh roads near Central City Park . Ford Road continues east , forming a section of the Garden City boundary near Venoy Road . The trunkline crosses into Dearborn Heights at Inkster Road . It forms the boundary between Dearborn and Dearborn Heights between Gulley and Evergreen roads , crossing US 24 (Telegraph Road) in between . East of Telegraph Road , M @-@ 153 is built to expressway standards complete with interchanges at Edward N. Hines Drive , Evergreen Road , M @-@ 39 (Southfield Freeway) and Greenfield Road . The highway crosses the River Rouge north of the Dearborn Country Club west of Evergreen Road . Ford Road ends at Wyoming Avenue . M @-@ 153 turns south along Wyoming Avenue to cross I @-@ 94 at exit 210 . This interchange is also the location where I @-@ 94 and US 12 (Michigan Avenue) cross , marking the eastern end of M @-@ 153 at Michigan Avenue .

Ford Road serves as the zero @-@ mile line for the Detroit area 's Mile Road System . From the Canton Center Road intersection eastward , all of M @-@ 153 is a part of the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility . M @-@ 153 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 @-@ 13 were the 64 @,@ 956 vehicles daily between the River Rouge and the Southfield Freeway in Dearborn ; the lowest counts were the 10 @,@ 380 vehicles per day between Plymouth Road and the end of the expressway in Superior Township .

= = History = =

Ford Road was named for William Ford , father of automobile pioneer Henry Ford . The elder Ford was born in Ireland and settled in Dearborn Township in 1847 . William 's carpentry business lead

him around to regional businesses and neighbors , traveling the area until he took up the family business of farming after marriage to Mary Litogot . They settled on a farm near the intersection of modern @-@ day Ford Road and Greenfield Avenue ; this farm was Henry 's birthplace in 1863 . Settling into his family life , William started serving the local community . He was a road commissioner , school board member and a justice of the peace . In honor of his accomplishments , Ford Road was named in his honor before his death in March 1905 .

Ford Road remained in township jurisdiction until August 29 , 1924 when it was transferred to Wayne County control . It was transferred again to state control on December 2 , 1930 . The Michigan State Highway Department designated it M @-@ 153 upon transfer to their responsibility . The highway designation was determined to continue west of the county line into Washtenaw County as a northerly bypass of Ann Arbor , but the segment between Canton Center Road and US 12 on Plymouth Road was not built at the time . The first extension west was finished in 1933 from the county line to Napier Road . The road was widened into a major thoroughfare between Detroit and Ann Arbor in 1934 , to relieve congestion on Michigan Avenue . The highway bypass of Ann Arbor was cancelled by 1935 , leaving the western terminus at US 12 (Plymouth Road) .

Construction of a northerly freeway bypass of Ann Arbor along M @-@ 14 to M @-@ 153 was completed by 1965 . A second freeway section was built between Ford Road at Frains Lake Road to the contemporary end of the M @-@ 14 freeway . This second freeway was assigned as part of M @-@ 153 and the former routing along Ford Road west to Plymouth Road was removed from the state trunkline highway system . A reconstruction project along M @-@ 153 in 1973 was completed , bringing the highway up to expressway standards . Several interchanges were built along the segment starting west of the M @-@ 39 (Southfield Freeway) to I @-@ 94 in Dearborn . The last extension moved the western terminus in early 1980 when the M @-@ 14 freeway was completed , and M @-@ 153 was extended along a section of freeway used to connect the previous end of the M @-@ 14 freeway to Plymouth Road .

= = Major intersections = =

All exits are unnumbered .