

= M @-@ 168 (Michigan highway) =

M @-@ 168 was one of the shortest state trunkline highways in the US state of Michigan , extending 0 @.@ 9.53 miles (1 @.@ 5.34 km) from a junction with M @-@ 22 in downtown Elberta to the former Ann Arbor Railroad ferry docks . It followed the south shore of Lake Betsie (formed by the Betsie River before flowing into Lake Michigan) . The highway was commissioned in 1931 and served as a connection to the car ferries until 1984 . The road was being reconstructed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in preparation to transfer it to village control . That transfer happened on April 24 , 2012 , and now the former highway is a village street .

= = Route description = =

M @-@ 168 began at a junction with M @-@ 22 just west of where M @-@ 22 crosses over Lake Betsie . Known as Frankfort Avenue , M @-@ 168 then traveled to the northwest near the shore of the lake through a mixed residential and commercial area before turning slightly westward onto Furnace Avenue . Along Furnace Avenue , the roadway is lined with homes on one side and lake frontage on the other . Eventually , the road curves to the west where it intersects Betsie Valley Trail coming to its terminus shortly thereafter at the former Ann Arbor Railroad ferry docks .

= = History = =

M @-@ 168 had existed in its current location since 1931 . It was originally assumed into the state trunkline system at 0 @.@ 8 miles (1 @.@ 3 km) in length . Aside from a minor realignment of the junction with M @-@ 22 in 1987 , the route had remained in this configuration since 1931 . From its creation until 1984 , the road was the main entrance for cars bound for boarding the car ferry .

An MDOT document indicated that in 2010 , a \$ 2 @.@ 1 million project would reconstruct M @-@ 168 . Upon completion of the project , the route would be jurisdictionally transferred to the Village of Elberta , thereby removing M @-@ 168 from the state trunkline system . This transfer was finalized on April 24 , 2012 , and afterwards , the former M @-@ 168 was reclassified a village street .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway was in Elberta , Benzie County .