

Historical Marker - S81 - First International Tunnel (Marker ID#:S81)



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First International Tunnel

At this point the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tunnel, linking Port Huron with Canada, passes underneath Gratiot Avenue. This international submarine railway tunnel—first in the world—was opened in 1891. The tunnel's total length is 11,725 feet, with 2,290 feet underwater. The tunnel operations were electrified in 1908 and completely dieselized in 1958. Tracks were lowered in 1949 to accommodate larger freight cars. During World War I, a plot to blast the tunnel was foiled.

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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1956 **Erected Date:** 1962

Marker Location

Address: 16th Street

City: Port Huron

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Saint Clair

Township: Port Huron

Lat: 42.96043000 / **Long:** -82.44243000

Web URL: