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n.

An expressway in Germany or another area where German is spoken.

[German : *Auto*, automobile; see [AUTO](#) + *Bahn*, road, from Middle High German *ban*; see **g^When-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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