



Oklahoma Route 66  
Roadbed  
Documentation  
Project (1926-1970):  
A Survey of Roadbed  
and Integral  
Structures Update  
JP 26360(04)

Oklahoma Department  
of Transportation

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# Introduction

- ODOT
  - Background



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# Overview



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- Overview of Route 66
- Route 66 in Oklahoma
- National Register of Historic Places
- Previous Study
- Project Details
- Public Involvement
  - How to provide comments

# Overview of Route 66

- 1926 Designated a U.S. Highway
- Chicago to Santa Monica
- Followed existing state and local roads

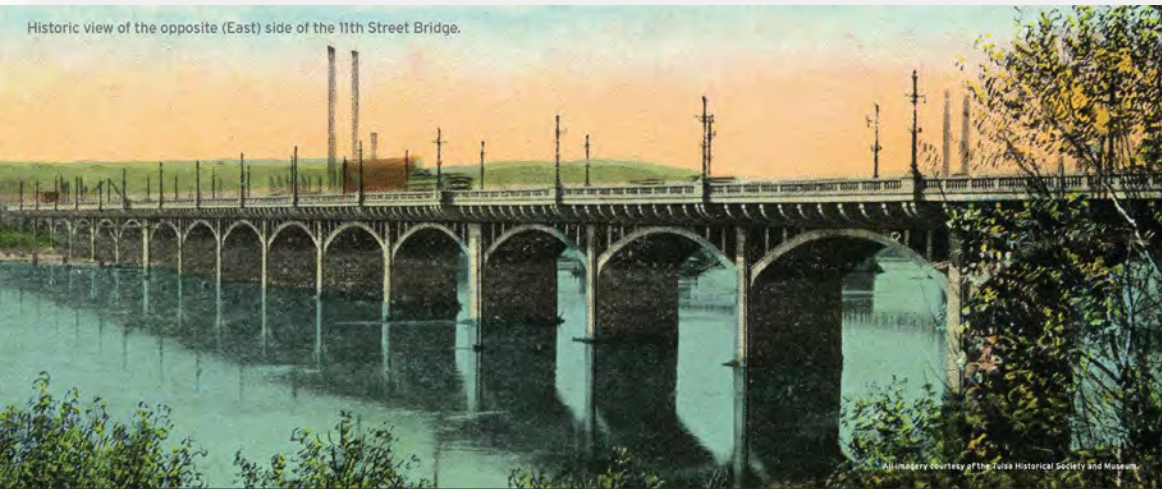


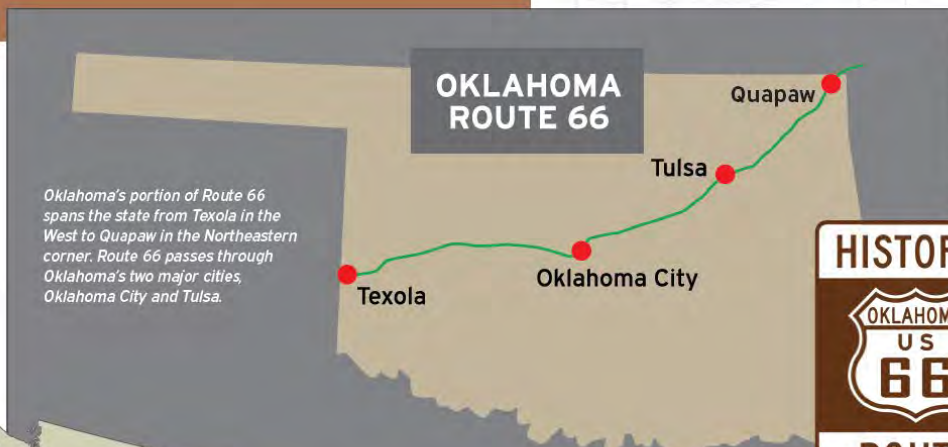
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In his 1939 novel "The Grapes of Wrath," John Steinbeck called the 2,448-mile-long Route 66 "The Mother Road" because it connected Chicago to southern California, and connected people to all the other major roads – and employment opportunities – of the time.



Source: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/back0303.cfm>  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/first.cfm>  
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/ist/?next=/travel/endangered-site-historic-route-66-usa-52145829/>  
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# Route 66 in Oklahoma

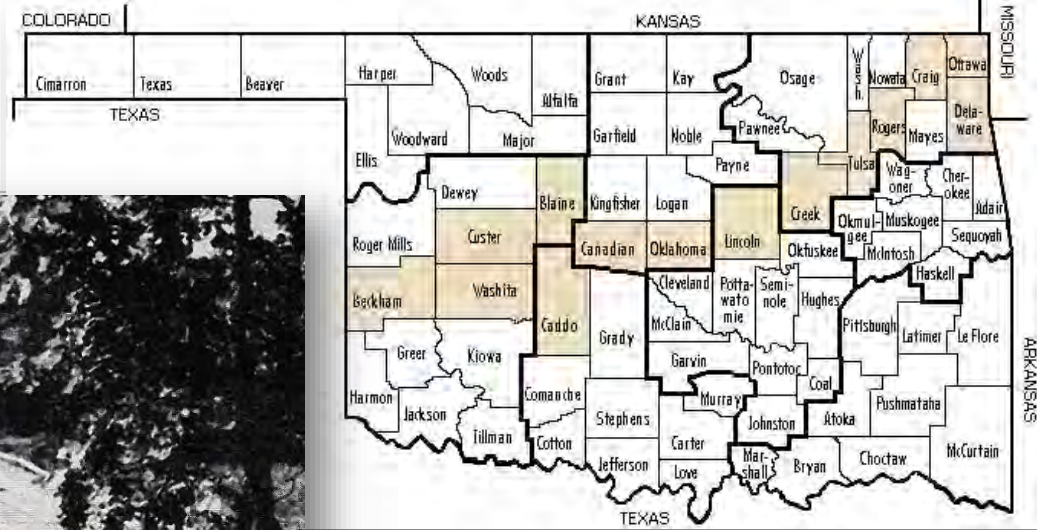
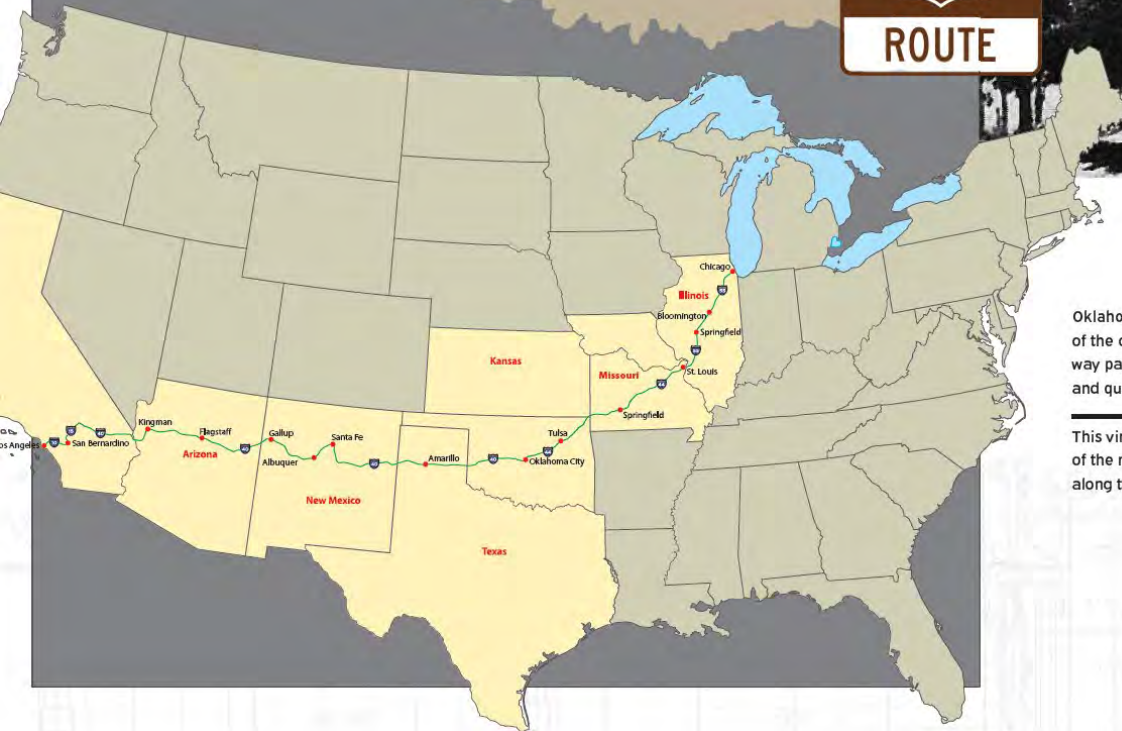


Oklahoma's portion of Route 66 spans the state from Texola in the West to Quapaw in the Northeast corner. Route 66 passes through Oklahoma's two major cities, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.



Oklahoma claims the most drivable miles of the original Route 66, which makes its way past charming towns, roadside diners and quirky attractions.

This vintage gas pump is representative of the many mom-and-pop gas stations along the route.



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# National Register of Historic Places



Images from NPS



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# National Register of Historic Places

- Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF)
  - Historic Context Statement
  - Registration Requirements

NPS Form 10-900-b  
(March 1992)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Multiple Property Documentation Form

New Submission  Amended Submission

A. Name of Multiple Property Listing

Route 66 and Associated Historic Resources in Oklahoma

B. Associated Historic Contexts

(Name each associated historic context, identifying theme, geographical area, and chronological period for each.)

Transportation on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)

Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)

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U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Cultural Resources  
National Register, History and Education

### How to Complete the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form



# Route 66 MPDF for Oklahoma



## AMERICA AND OKLAHOMA'S MAIN STREET

Route 66 is one of the country's most celebrated highways. The road is commonly known as "America's Main Street" and stretches from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California.

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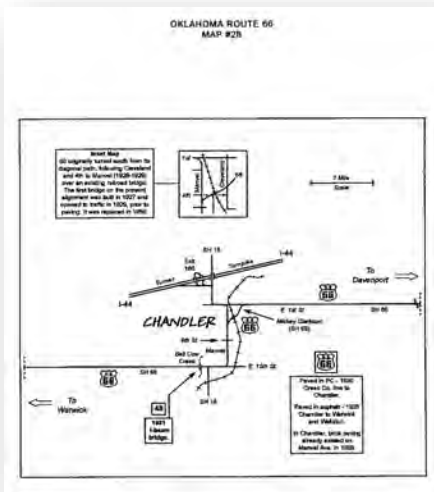
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  - Roadbed and Bridges
  - Gasoline, Service Stations
  - Restaurants, Diners
  - Motels, Tourist Courts, Hotels
  - Recreation Travel Stops, Destinations
  - Roadside Parks, Markers

# Route 66 in Oklahoma

## Oklahoma Route 66 Roadbed Documentation Project (1926-1970), A Survey of Roadbed and Integral Structures

Completed in 2002

<https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/docs/rt66roadbed.pdf>

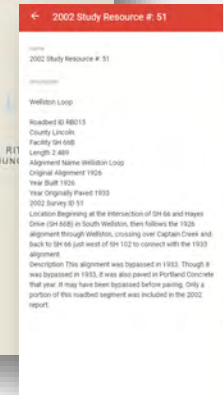
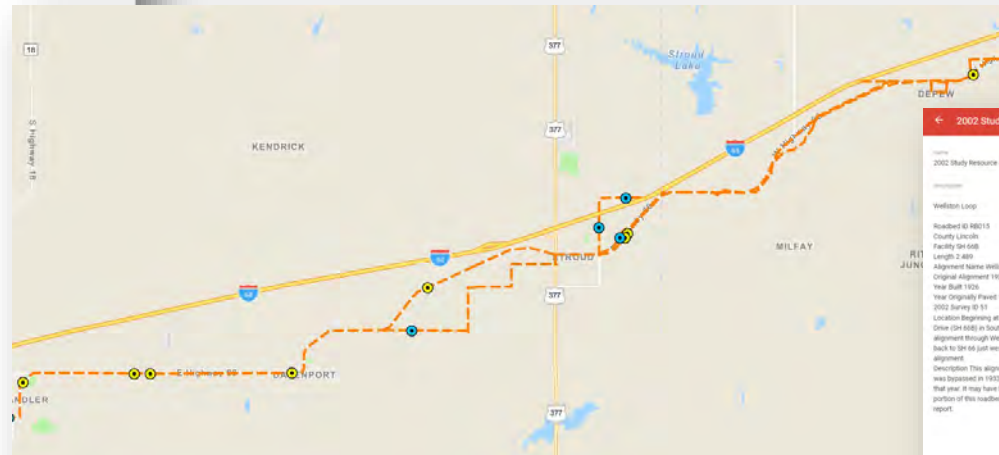


Oklahoma Route 66 Roadbed Documentation Project  
(1926 – 1970)  
Survey of Roadbed and Integral Structures

Prepared by  
**The Oklahoma Route 66 Association**  
2001 – 2002

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For  
**The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office**  
**Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**



Mead & Hunt Images

Images of the previous study available on the Oklahoma Historical Society webpage

# Project Components



*Image courtesy of ODOT*

- Public involvement
- Field survey
- Inventory forms
- Report

# Public Involvement



- Seeking information
- Examples of properties not included in previous study
  - Roadbed segments
  - Bridges and culverts
  - Roadside parks and markers



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# Public Involvement

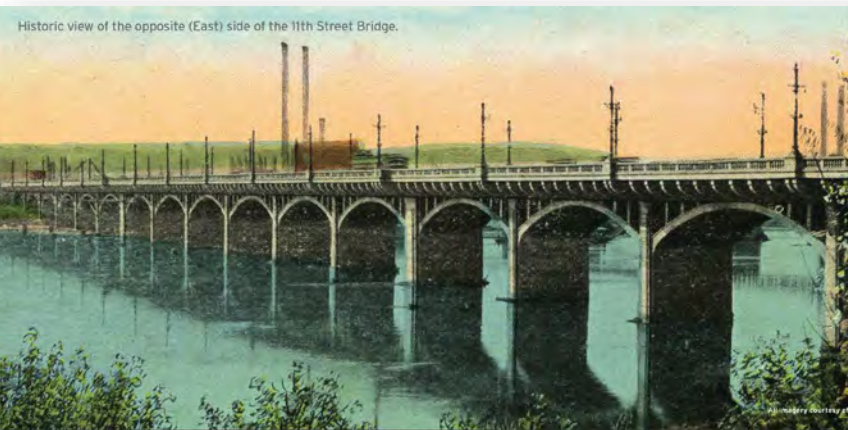


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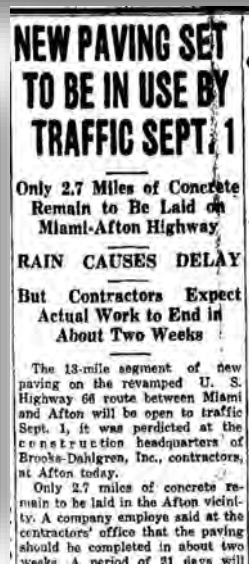
Example of a historic photograph courtesy of ODOT



- Information to provide
  - Location
  - Date
  - Historical information



Example of a postcard from the Tulsa Historical Society and Museum



Example of a newspaper story, Miami Daily News Record, July 29, 1937

# Project website

- Oklahoma Route 66 Roadbed Documentation Project Website:

- <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/programs-and-projects/public-meetings-and-hearings/202112150.html>

- Scan QR code on phone, navigate to link for the project listed below  
“2022 Schedule”



# Other ways to provide information

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- ODOT Cultural Resources Program input form
  - <http://www.odotculturalresources.info/provide-input.html>
- Comments may also be submitted by calling 405-325-3269
- Please include “Route 66 Roadbed Survey Update” as the project name and/or “JP 26360(04)” when submitting information



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