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Introduction

• ODOT
  – Background
Overview

• 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

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/Aa00303.cfm
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/first.cfm
http://www.routrue-66.com/history.html

Image courtesy of the Tulsa Historical Society and Museum.
Route 66 in Oklahoma

Oklahoma’s portion of Route 66 spans the state from Texola in the West to Skagway in the Northeastern 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.

Images courtesy of ODOT
National Register of Historic Places

- Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF)
  - Historic Context Statement
  - Registration Requirements
Route 66 MPDF for Oklahoma

- Property types addressed in the MPDF
  - Roadbed and Bridges
  - Gasoline, Service Stations
  - Restaurants, Diners
  - Motels, Tourist Courts, Hotels
  - Recreation Travel Stops, Destinations
  - Roadside Parks, Markers

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.
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

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

- Public involvement
- Field survey
- Inventory forms
- Report

Image courtesy of ODOT
Public Involvement

• Seeking information

• Examples of properties not included in previous study
  – Roadbed segments
  – Bridges and culverts
  – Roadside parks and markers

Images courtesy of ODOT
Public Involvement

- Information to provide
  - Location
  - Date
  - Historical information

Example of a historic photograph courtesy of ODOT

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

Example of a postcard from the Tulsa Historical Society and Museum
Project website

- Oklahoma Route 66 Roadbed Documentation Project Website:
  - Scan QR code on phone, navigate to link for the project listed below “2022 Schedule”
Other ways to provide information

• ODOT Cultural Resources Program input form
  – [http://www.odotculturalresources.info/provide-input.html](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
Thank you.
Questions.