A gravel road prior to 1938, this five mile length of award-winning road runs from reference post 309.02 to 314.71 on US 20 in Holt County. Traveling along the terraces of the Elkhorn River, the road must withstand the rigors of a wet/freeze climate.

The pavement was graded and surfaced with a bituminous mat (cold mix asphalt) in 1938. It received a second bituminous mat in 1947, and then a double armor coat in 1955.

The first hot-mix asphalt surface—a 3-inch course sand/gravel HMA with high oil content—was placed in 1967 on top of a 4-inch granular base and the existing 5-inch bituminous mat. The road received another 3-inch HMA overlay in 1982. In 1998, 2 inches of the asphalt were removed by cold milling and then replaced by a 2-inch layer of HMA.

The state has maintained the road with spot patching and sealing throughout the years as necessary. The pavement has held up well despite ever-increasing traffic; ADT is now 2,970 vehicles a day, with trucks making up 13 percent of that number.