Now in its seventh decade of service, SR 73 shows no signs of failure and is likely to remain in service for many years to come.

This Perpetual Pavement section of SR 73 runs from US 22 to 1.8 miles east of it. It is one of Ohio’s earliest deep-strength asphalt pavements, built in 1936 with a 6-inch base course, a 1-inch wearing course and a 1-inch binder followed by a 1.25-inch surface. It received a 1.5-inch overlay in 1948 and a 1.25-inch overlay in 1962. A 1-inch overlay in 1971 stood up to heavy traffic and extreme climate conditions for 24 years before it was overlaid in 1995.

These overlays were only surface restorations and preventive maintenance. The road has received no structural overlay in all its years of service, despite the fact that the average daily traffic (ADT) has grown from 1,800 vehicles in 1964 to 15,630 vehicles in 2000.