Gravel from the Yellowstone River was used for the base course and for the hot-mix asphalt in this 6-mile section of I-90, which runs from Laurel to Billings (milepost 439 to 445) in Montana.

Opened to traffic in 1961, the road was built with 13.2 inches of subbase, 11.4 inches of crushed stone base and 4.2 inches of HMA. Some sections of the road received an overlay of 2.4 inches of HMA and 0.75 inch of open-graded friction course in 1984. In 2001, 3.6 inches of the road were milled and replaced with a 3.6-inch Superpave HMA overlay.

The road carries an average daily traffic count of 24,640 vehicles and has an average 1,560 daily ESALs, which is one of the highest daily ESAL loadings in the state. The state does have a permanent vehicle weigh station located immediately west of this road section, which discourages trucks from running overweight on the road.

Despite the heavy use, the road has held up well and the Montana Department of Transportation does not anticipate the need for any major repair or reconstruction soon.