State Highway 35 connects Norfolk, Nebraska to the urban areas of South Sioux City, Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa. The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) graded the road in 1935 and laid a gravel surface in 1936. After correcting the wet subgrade with lime stabilization, removing poor material and backfilling with granular materials, contractors placed the first asphalt in 1960. They laid a 6-inch granular subbase, a 4-inch aggregate base and finally a 3-inch hot-mix asphalt surface course.

NDOR widened and overlaid the road in 1977 using 3.75 inches of hot mix. In 2004, it milled off 1.5 inches of the existing surface and replaced it with 2 inches of hot-mix asphalt surface coat. Proactive maintenance—applying the right treatment at the right time—has been a key element in the road’s longevity. Maintenance has included machine patches and armor coats (emulsion embedded with gravel).