US 60
Ashland – Cannonsburg Road

This section of US 60 was built in 1971 as an experimental section to provide field data and validation for Kentucky’s 1969 Pavement Design Procedures. The four-mile pavement included 11 different design sections with varying design subgrade characteristics, stone, and HMA thicknesses.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet estimates that US 60 has carried more than 28 million equivalent single axle loads since its construction. That included heavy coal truck traffic before the completion of Interstate 64 in the area.

Since its construction, the road has required only two, 1-inch overlays of HMA, one in 1986 and one in 1999. The pavement continues to perform well today with no noticeable structural deficiencies.