The award-winning, 3.8-mile stretch of US 50 pavement is located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore and is part of the heavily traveled route that connects the Baltimore-Washington area to the beaches of Ocean City.

The Maryland Department of Transportation—State Highway Administration built the road in 1962 with a 12-inch soil/aggregate subbase, a 4-inch asphalt base and an asphalt surface layer of 1.25 inches. It received a 3.25-inch overlay in 1988. Eleven years later, construction crews milled the road and placed a 2-inch overlay.

The pavement has an average daily traffic count of 32,000 and has withstood 10 million equivalent single axle loads (ESALs) of traffic since its construction. Despite this heavy volume, the road maintains a high ride quality with no rutting.