Mississippi’s 10.9-mile stretch of award-winning pavement runs along the state’s Gulf Coast and connects the communities of Ocean Springs and Gautier. The road plays a vital role during hurricane preparation and recovery efforts.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation built the road in two phases, with the first completed in 1954 and the remaining section opening to traffic in 1960. Some sections of the pavement were built over stabilized gravel base, and others over sand clay base. The thickness of the pavement varied over the length of the project. The road received overlays of 2.5 to 4 inches in 1973 and 1.5 inches in 1989.

During 2006 and 2007 the road carried approximately 750,000 equivalent single axle loads (ESALs), which equates to more than 7 million ESALs over the lifetime of the pavement.