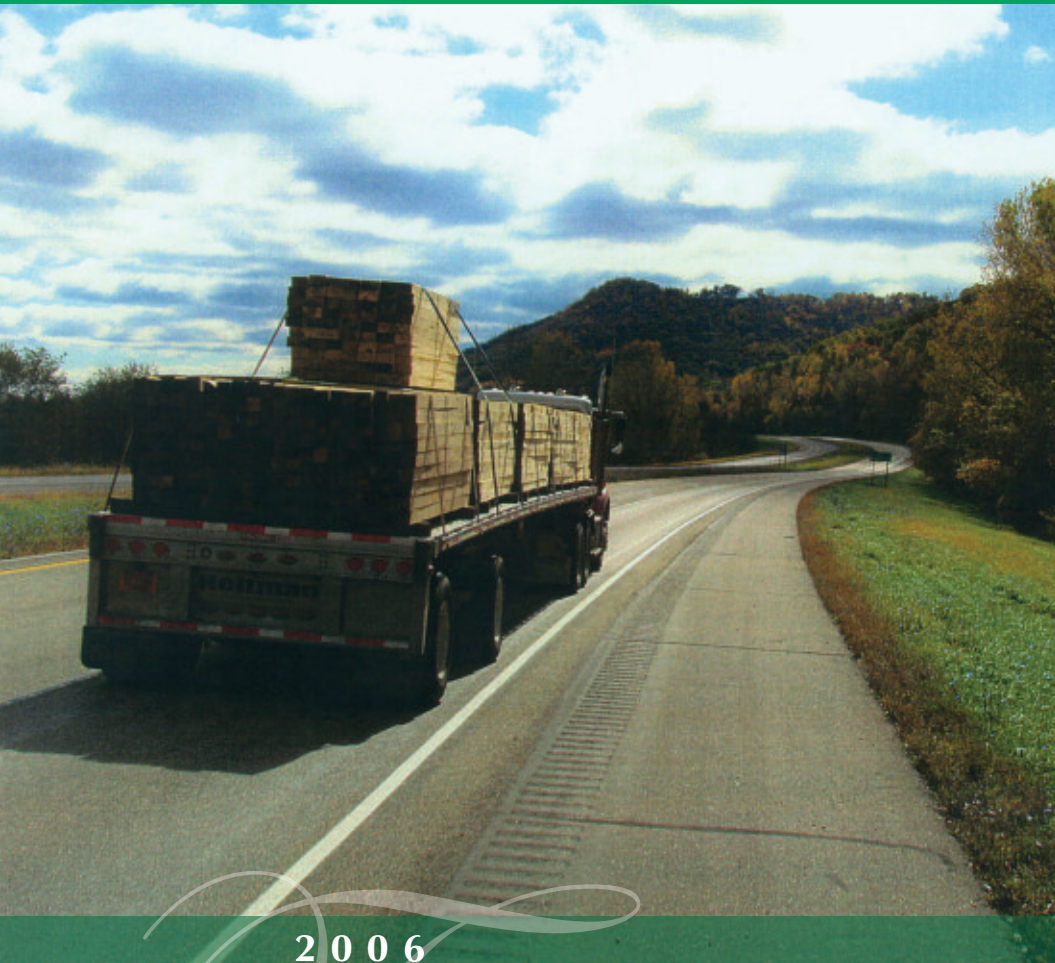


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Minnesota Department of Transportation Trunk Highway 61, Milepost 53 to 61

This eight-mile section of TH 61 runs between Wabasha and Kellogg in the southeast section of the state. The initial construction began in 1969 and continued for three years. Staging the construction allowed the foundation to go through seasonal cycles and enhanced the overall pavement structure stability.

The initial road consisted of 12 inches of granular sub-base, 6 inches of aggregate base, 2 inches of an asphalt binder course and 3 inches of an asphalt wearing course. In 1988, 19 years after initial construction, Mn/DOT added a 1-inch asphalt leveling course and a 1-inch asphalt wearing course. Twelve years later, in 2000, 1.5 inches of the asphalt wearing course was milled from the road, which then received two new 1.5-inch overlays of asphalt wearing course.

The road has withstood the test of time and traffic, having carried approximately 3 million equivalent single axle loads (ESALs) during its 37-year lifetime.