



FACTS & FAQs

- Date Route 66 commissioned: *November 11, 1926*
- Design standards set by: *US Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads*
- Highway officially decertified: *June 28, 1985*
- Original mileage total from Chicago to LA: *2,448*
- Number of states crossed by Route 66: *8*
- Route 66 completely paved by: *1937*
- Amount of roadway remaining: *117%*¹
- Extent of Route 66 still driveable: *90%*²
- Interstates needed to replace old Route 66: *9*³
- Miles of highway in the Interstate system: *42, 545*
- Amount of traffic carried by the Interstates: *20%*
- Most popular songs written for the highway:
 - Bobby Troup - [Get Your Kicks on] Route 66*
 - Nelson Riddle - Theme from Route 66*
- Years when *Route 66* appeared on TV: *1960-1964*
- Number of episodes actually filmed on Route 66: *3*
- Color of Corvettes used in the show: *Biege*

¹Because several different alignments were built over the years

²Nearly all are well-maintained by the various states

³I-55, I-44, I-40, I-25, I-15 I-10, I-270, I-244 and I-215