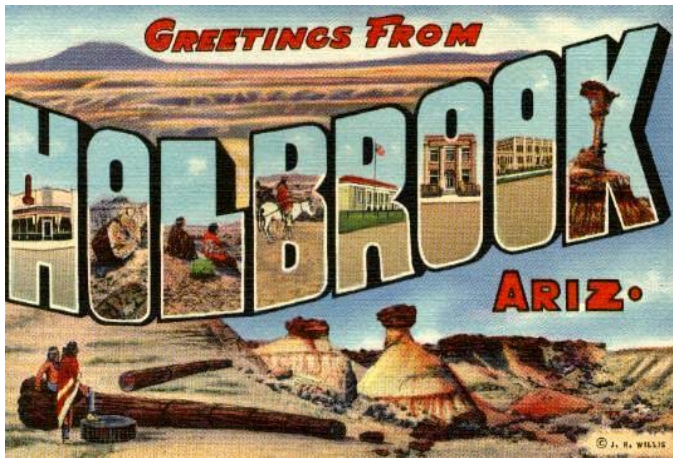


# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Funded Projects – 2005



The City of Holbrook, Arizona, will develop a National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission for the Holbrook Historic Transportation District. Up to 24 nominations will be prepared for Route 66 properties.

## Arizona

**Project:** Holbrook Historic Transportation Corridor District Multiple Property Submission  
**Recipient:** City of Holbrook  
**Amount:** \$6,500 NPS, \$22,500 match

The City of Holbrook, Arizona, will establish the “Holbrook Historic Transportation District.” The cost-share grant award will assist through the development of a historical context statement, and through the preparation of up to 24 Route 66 property nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The transportation corridor has heavily influenced the development and character of the city over many decades, and the creation of the district will help to commemorate and protect this history. It will also facilitate ongoing initiatives to preserve Holbrook’s built heritage, to revitalize the downtown area, and to promote tourism. Owners of properties that are listed on the National Register will be potentially eligible for tax incentives for building preservation projects.

## California

**Project:** Casa de Adobe Historic Structures Report  
**Recipient:** Autry National Center  
**Amount:** \$7,000 NPS, \$13,000 match

The Autry National Center will manage the preparation of a Historic Structures Report for the historic Casa de Adobe, located on the Figueroa Street alignment of Route 66 in Los Angeles. The Casa de Adobe was constructed as a museum in the 1920s, and operated as such throughout the historic period of Route 66. The museum was closed in 1994 due to damage caused by an earthquake. The Historic Structures Report will include a preservation plan to guide the rehabilitation and restored use of the property.

## Illinois

**Project:** Lexington Route 66 Guardrail Restoration  
**Recipient:** City of Lexington  
**Amount:** \$2,102 NPS, \$2,169 match

The historic post-and-cable guardrail along a 2.2-mile-long segment of Route 66 in Lexington, Illinois, will be repaired. Many of the posts require resetting, repair, or replacement. Restoration of the guardrail is part of an ongoing initiative by residents and the City of Lexington to rehabilitate the abandoned section of roadbed for use as a walking and biking trail for residents and Route 66 visitors.



Photo courtesy of the Autry National Center

Historically a museum on Route 66, the Casa de Adobe in Los Angeles, California, will have a Historic Structures Report prepared to guide its restoration and continued use as an educational facility.



Photo courtesy of the City of Lexington

The historic post and cable guardrail of a 2.2-mile stretch of Route 66 in Lexington, Illinois, will be restored.

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This circa 1940 photo of the Palms Grill Cafe in Atlanta, Illinois, shows the Café in operation. Funds have been awarded for the repair of the roof and building façade.

### Illinois (continued)

**Project:** Palms Grill Cafe Restoration  
**Recipient:** Atlanta Public Library and Museum Board  
**Amount:** \$30,000 NPS, \$70,000 match

The Atlanta Public Library and Museum Board will begin the restoration of the historic Palms Grill Cafe in Atlanta, Illinois. Based on a preservation plan prepared in 2004, the façade will be restored, and the roof replaced. Constructed in 1867, the building operated as a café and Greyhound Bus station on Route 66 from 1934 into the 1960s. Long-term plans are to restore the exterior and interior of the cafe to its 1940s appearance, and to resume cafe service. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.



The roof and electrical system of the Eisler Bros. Store in Riverton, Kansas, will be repaired and upgraded.

### Kansas

**Project:** Eisler Bros. Store Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$4,694 NPS, \$4,694 match

The Eisler Bros. Store located in Riverton, Kansas, will receive a new roof and electrical system upgrade. Built in 1925 as the “Williams’ Store,” the building housed a multi-function business that included a restaurant, grocery, general merchandise store, and gas station. It served countless travelers who stopped during the Route 66 years for directions, food, coffee, and gas. In 1973 the building was purchased by the Eisler family, and has continued to operate as a general store and popular Route 66 destination. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.



Repairs will be made to the concrete superstructure of the Brush Creek Bridge located in Cherokee County, Kansas.

**Project:** Brush Creek Bridge Repair  
**Recipient:** Westray Foundation  
**Amount:** \$10,862 NPS, \$13,746 match

The Brush Creek Bridge in Cherokee County, Kansas, will receive needed repairs to the concrete superstructure. The bridge was built in 1923 by James B. Marsh, a pioneer in concrete and steel bridge construction. The bridge carried Route 66 traffic over Brush Creek throughout the historic period of significance until it was bypassed in the 1960s. Today, it remains open to traffic, and allows drivers a sense of historic travel on the 13.2-mile stretch of Route 66 through Kansas. The bridge, which is the only Marsh Arch-style bridge remaining on Route 66, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

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The Nob Hill and Premiere Motel neon signs will be restored to operating condition.



The oral history project will interview known Route 66 experts and archivists regarding the whereabouts of known collections and repositories of information. Photo: visitors at Chain of Rocks Bridge, Missouri/Illinois border.



The Seaba Station near Chandler, Oklahoma, will receive repairs to the main building and the privy.

### New Mexico

**Project:** Nob Hill and Premiere Motel Neon Sign Restoration  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$8,500 NPS, \$8,500 match

The Nob Hill and Premiere Motel neon signs located on Central Avenue in Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be restored to operating condition. The signs will join a number of others that have recently been restored along Route 66 in New Mexico. Both motel properties were built in the 1940s, and are good examples of the motor courts that proliferated with the increase of traffic on Route 66 in Albuquerque. Both motels are listed on the New Mexico State Registry of Cultural Properties. The Nob Hill neon sign was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

**Project:** Route 66 Oral History Project  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$11,069 NPS, \$12,019 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association, in partnership with the University Of New Mexico Department Of English, will undertake an oral history project to interview known Route 66 experts and archivists. By interviewing these key Route 66 contacts, it will be possible to learn and preserve the institutional memory traditionally passed down by word-of-mouth; facts and sources preserved in personal collections; networks of information and knowledge; and caches of photograph and little-known documents. In addition, an oral history workshop will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2006.

### Oklahoma

**Project:** Seaba Station Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owners  
**Amount:** \$23,000 NPS, \$23,000 match

The Seaba Station located near Chandler, Oklahoma, will receive a new roof, electrical upgrades, and masonry repairs to the main building. The historic privy, which still retains its original cast-iron seats, will have roof, windows, door, and masonry repairs. The station was built in 1921 by the Seaba family as a single-story, irregularly-shaped brick building, with stone privy. The business operated as a filling station and engine-rebuilding shop until 1994. In 1995, under new ownership, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and re-opened as an antique, gift, and tourist shop.



The Round Barn in Arcadia, Oklahoma, will receive roof, siding, window, and door repairs.

## Oklahoma (continued)

**Project:** Round Barn Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society  
**Amount:** \$10,500 NPS, \$10,500 match

The Round Barn located on Route 66 in Arcadia, Oklahoma, will have repairs to the roof, siding, door frames, and window frames. Built in 1898, construction workers at the time donated funds to have wood flooring installed on the second floor for community parties, dances, and other functions. The lower level served as a livery stable and hay storage facility. In 1988, the barn roof collapsed, resulting in a large-scale community effort to preserve the barn. Today, the upper floor is still used for community functions, while the lower floor now serves as a museum. The barn has become an icon and popular rest stop on Route 66, and remains the subject of countless photographs and paintings.