



BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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El Paso
December 3, 2013



What is the Project?



Source: TxDOT Photo Library

What is the Project?



- Joint Effort
 - Texas Historical Commission
 - Texas Department of Transportation
- Grant from Federal Highways Administration
- Commemorate Historic Highways
- Heritage Tourism

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What is the Project?

- Goals
 - Develop Historic Context
 - Document Historic Buildings and Structures Along Bankhead Highway
 - Make Information Available to Public
 - Promote Tourism



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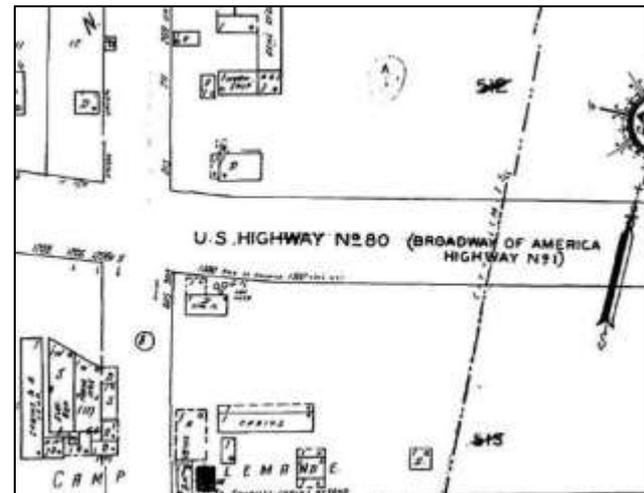
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What is the Project?

- Survey all alignments of Bankhead Highway in Texas.
Also known as:
 - State Highway 1
 - US 80 (west of Dallas)
 - US 67 (east of Dallas)
 - Broadway of America
- Please help us identify historic resources along highway



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Source: Sanborn Map Co

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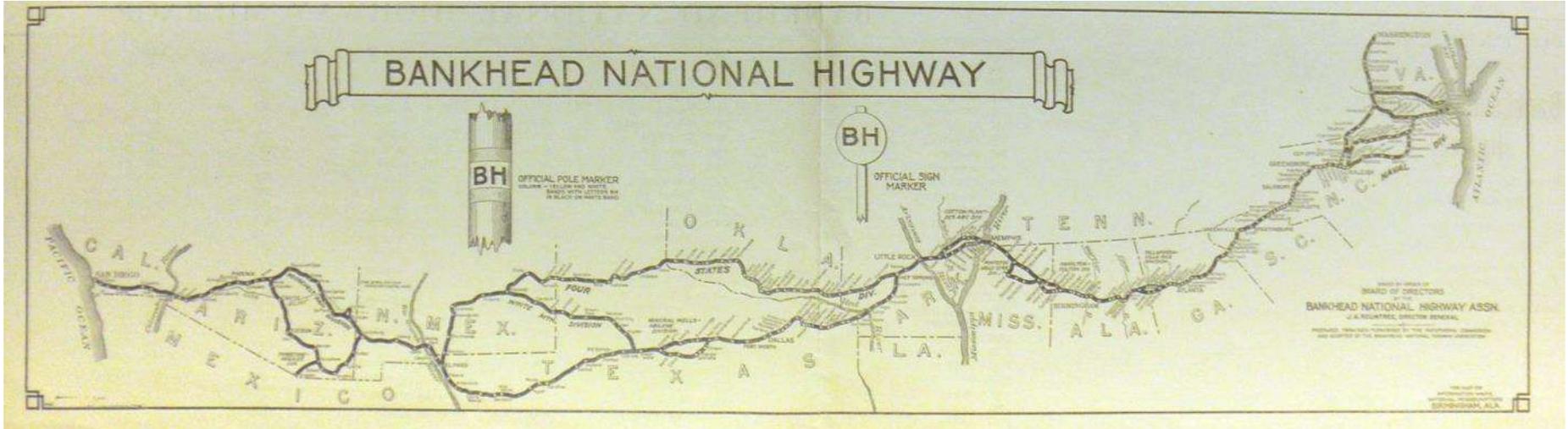
- Schedule
 - Historic Context
 - 10 public meetings from August to December
 - Survey crews to visit 1 to 2 weeks after each public meeting
 - Fieldwork to be completed by December or January
 - Report due July 2014



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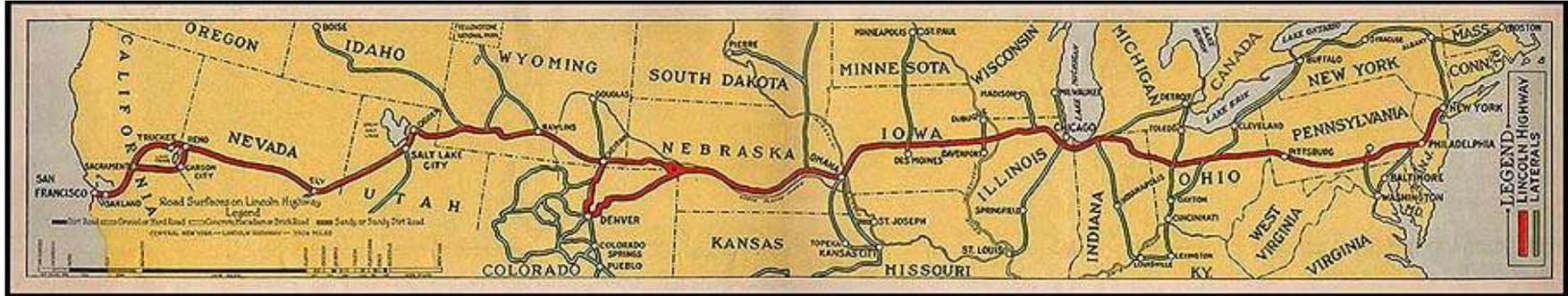


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- Transcontinental Highway from Washington DC to San Diego CA by way of Alabama
- Idea dates to 1916 by Asa Rountree and Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama

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What is the Bankhead Highway?



- Lincoln Highway from New York NY to San Francisco CA
- Other Highway Associations formed in 1910s



What is the Bankhead Highway?

- Deplorable Conditions of Roads
 - Good Roads Campaign
 - Efforts at Local Level
- Growing Popularity of Automobiles



Who is Bankhead?

- Senator John Hollis Bankhead (1842-1920)
 - U.S. Senator 1907-1920
 - Promoted Good Roads
 - Sponsored Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916
 - Expanded role of federal government in road networks and systems



Source: Library of Congress

Who is Bankhead?

Yes, he is related to Tallulah Bankhead



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(Official Log Book of Texas Roads)

1918

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PECOS TO SIERRA BLANCA.

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1.5	Avoid left hand road.	56.0	RENT. Cross R. R. at station and turn right.
3.3	Avoid right hand road.	67.0	BORACHO STA. on right.
18.7	Through gate.	76.9	PLATYBAN STA. on right.
19.0	4-corners, turn left.	85.3	WILDHORSE STA.
19.1	TOYERS. Cross R. R. at station and turn left just beyond.	86.8	Take left hand road, bear left.
19.2	Take right hand road at bank, turn right one block.	87.2	End of road, bear left.
19.3	4-corners, turn left.	93.5	Take left hand road, turn left.
19.9	4-corners, turn right.	99.6	VAN HORN. 4-corners just before R. R. Turn right along R. R. following the same the rest of the way to Sierra Blanca.
20.3	Turn left at end of fence and follow along fence.	112.0	EAGLE FLAT FLAG STA. on right.
26.3	Avoid right hand road.	125.8	End of road, turn left across R. R.
36.0	Avoid right hand road.	125.9	End of road, turn right.
37.0	Avoid right hand road.	126.2	SIERRA BLANCA.
38.7	Avoid left hand road.		
44.3	Take left hand road, turn left.		
53.4	Gate.		

SIERRA BLANCA TO EL PASO.

0.0	SIERRA BLANCA. Store on right at R. R. Go north across 2 R. Rs. Take first left hand road beyond tracks. Follow R. R.	71.0	BELEN. Straight through along canal.
4.5	ETHELEN flag station on left.	73.0	Turn left across concrete bridge.
14.8	Gate; following winding road along foot hills.	73.1	Curve right with road.
16.7	Small lake and ranch house to left; road winds; pass through several gates.	73.2	Pick up road from left.
19.1	Curve left with road, crossing R. R. just beyond.	78.8	YSLETA. Center of town; church on left. Bear left with trolley.
19.2	End of road; turn right along tracks.	74.0	Brick school on right.
20.1	Curve left away from R. R.	74.3	Straight ahead, leaving trolley to right.
26.6	Bridge.	76.8	VALDESPINO. Cross trolley and bridge over canal; curve left along canal just beyond.
27.8	Store on right. Continue alongside of tracks.	77.1	CADWALLADER. Recross trolley and canal.
30.2	Bear left away from R. R.	80.6	Cross trolley.
30.6	Bridge.	80.9	Cross small concrete bridge over canal; and curve left between canal and R. R.
35.6	Old Fort Hancock buildings on left.	81.0	Gradually leave R. R.
49.1	Pick up R. R.	82.5	Curve right, picking up trolley.
44.0	Pick up arm of Rio Grande River for a short distance.	82.7	County hospital on right.
51.8	TORNILLO. Store on left.	83.2	Curve left with trolley at cemetery on right; Alameda Ave.
56.4	Right across R. R. then left.	84.4	Straight ahead; trolley bears off to left.
57.3	Adobe school on right.	84.5	End of street at fire depot; bear left on to Texas St.
57.4	FARENS. Station on left; turn left; cross R. R. just beyond.	85.0	Cross R. R.
57.6	Cross roads. Store on left; turn right.	86.3	End of street; turn right on to Oregon St.
57.7	Adobe church on right.	86.3	EL PASO. Oregon and Mill Sts., post office on right.
64.7	Straight through edge of CLINT.		

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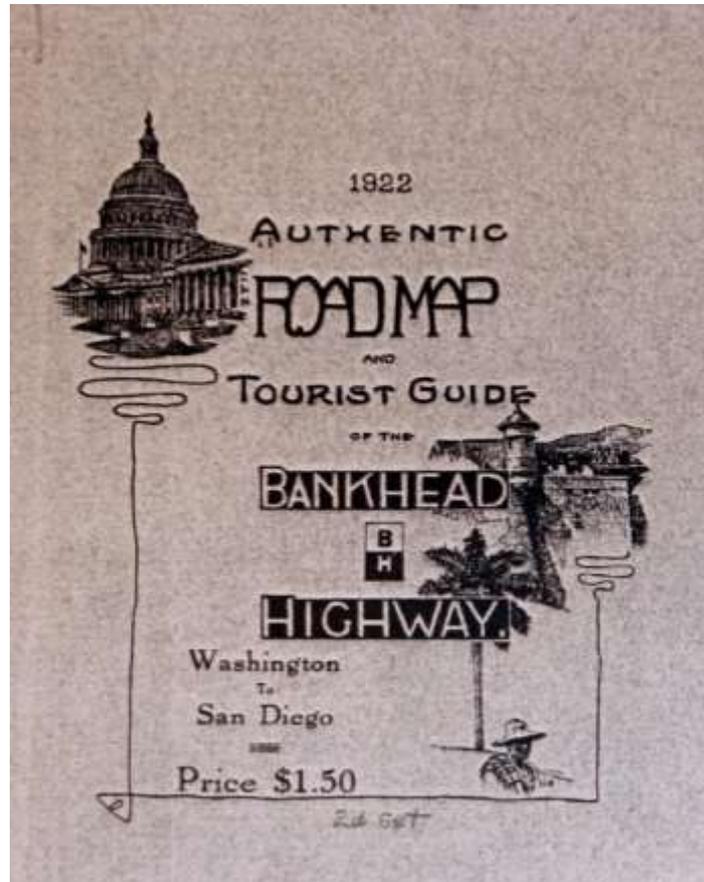
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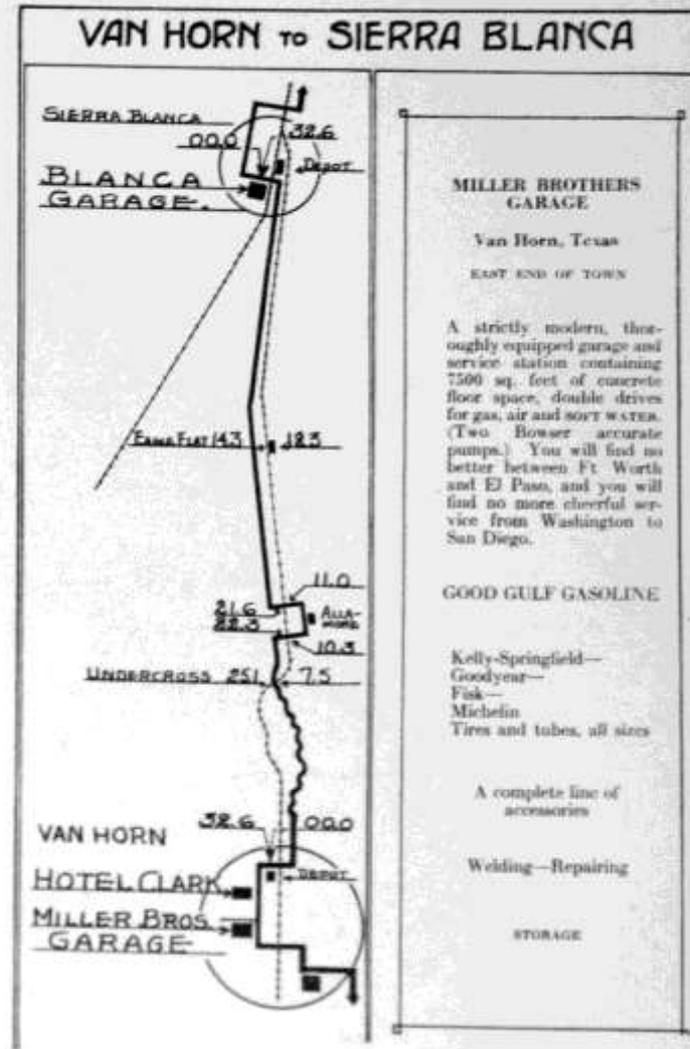
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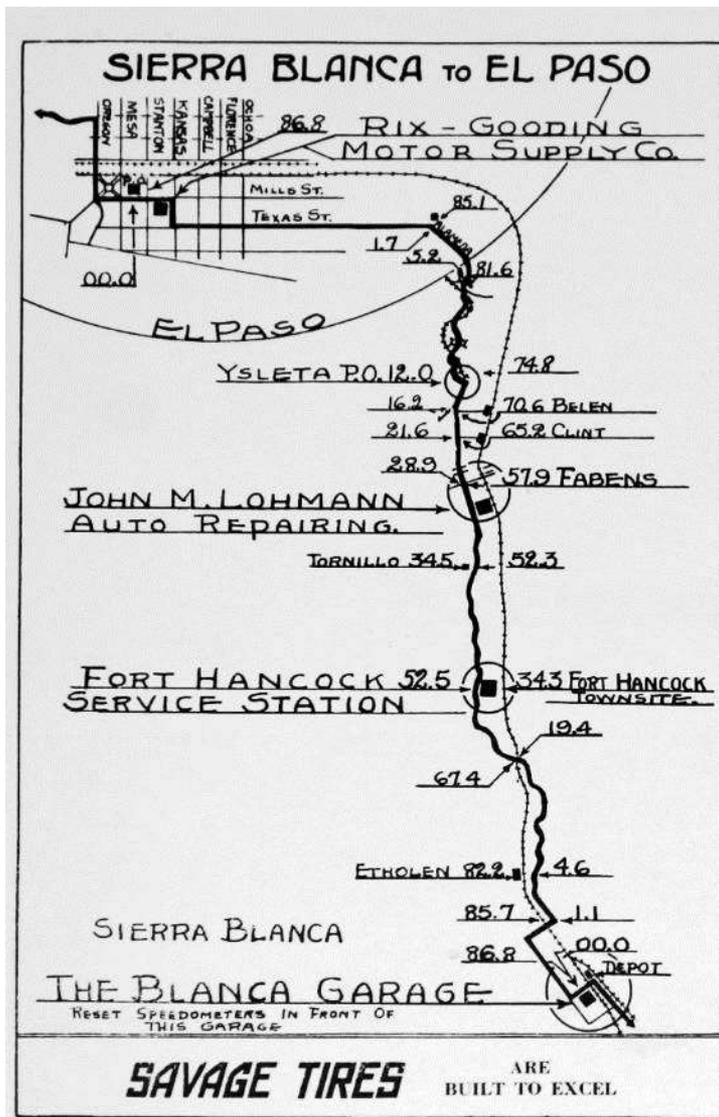
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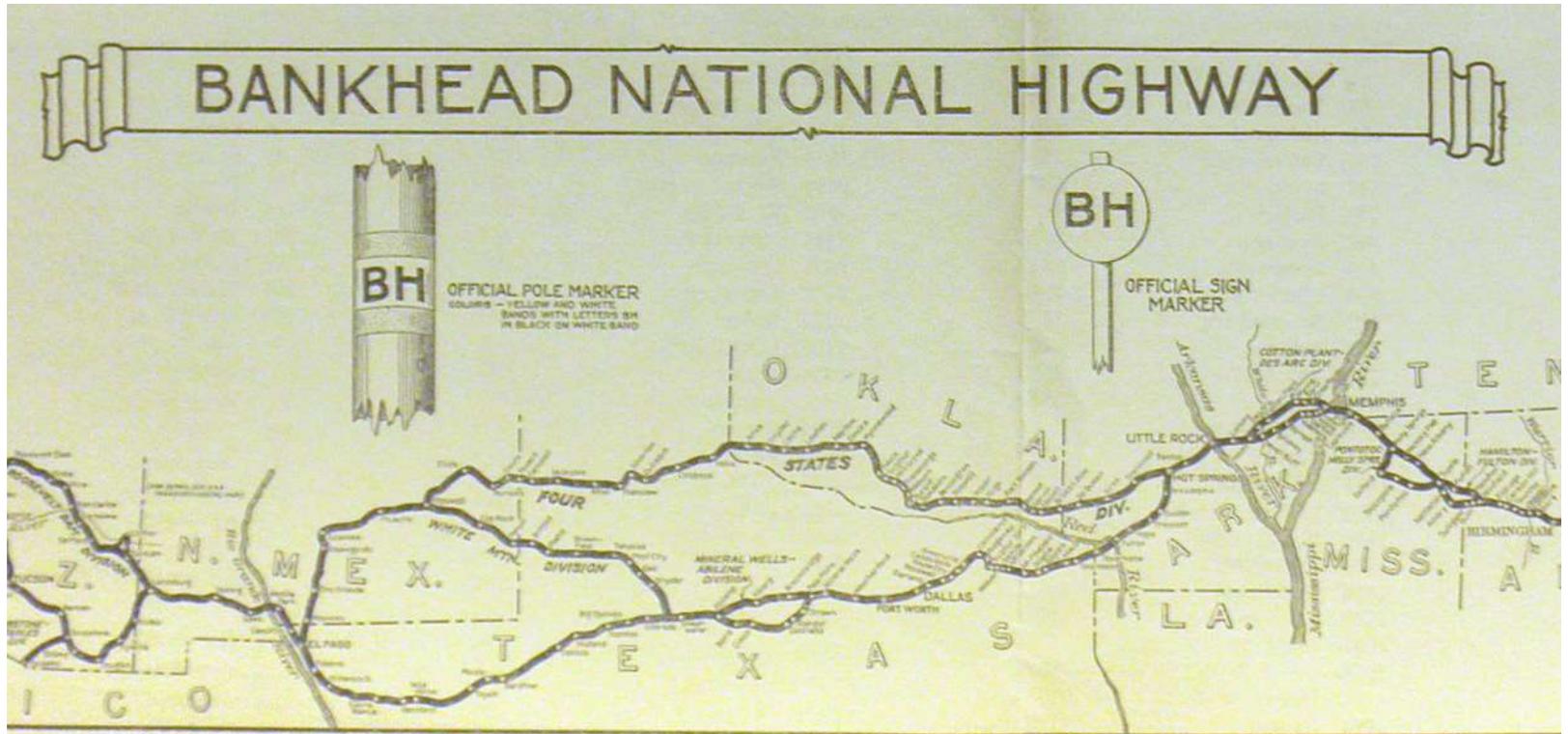
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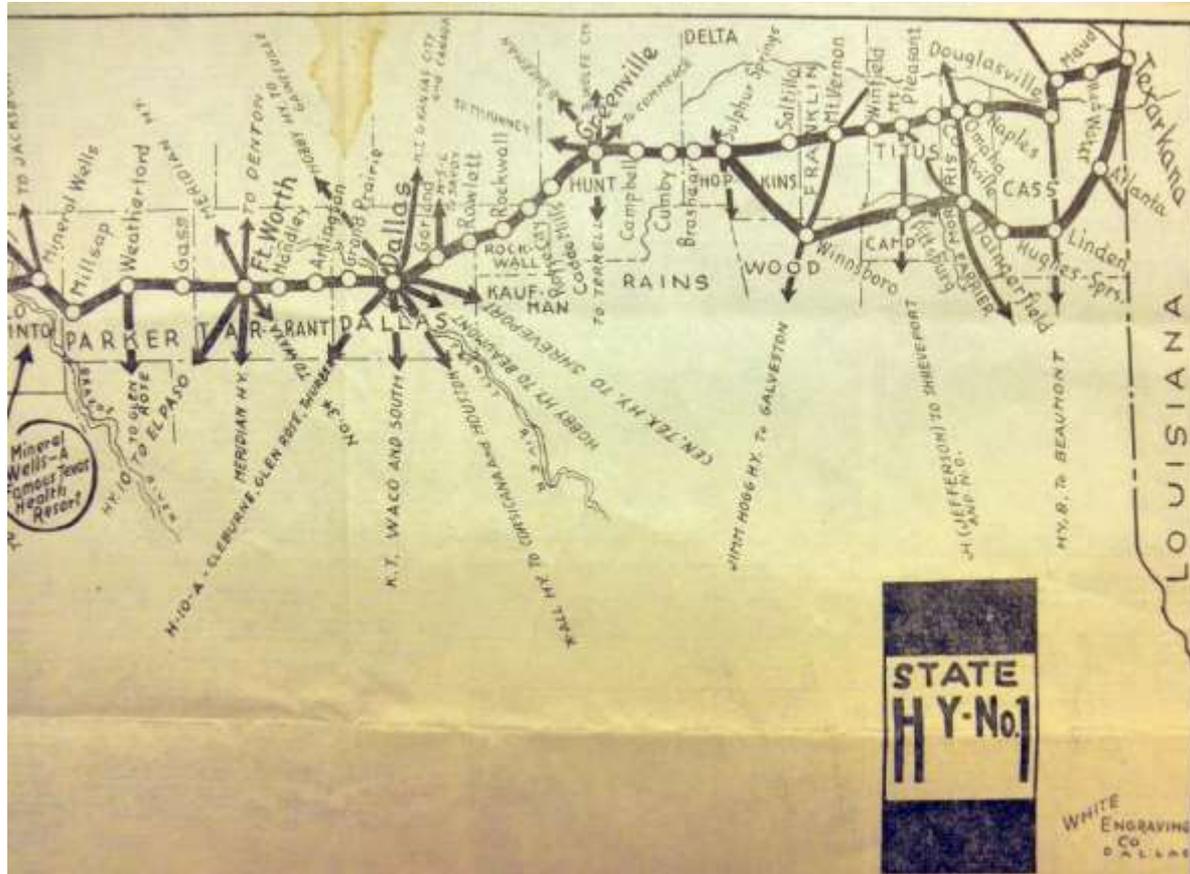
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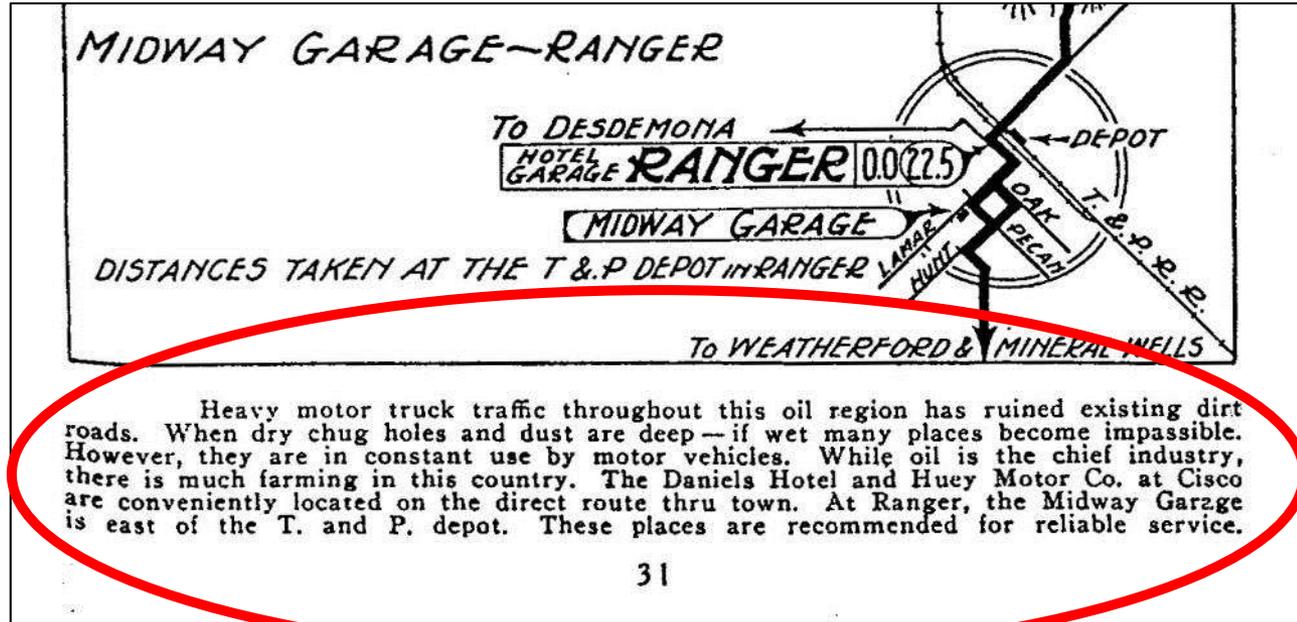
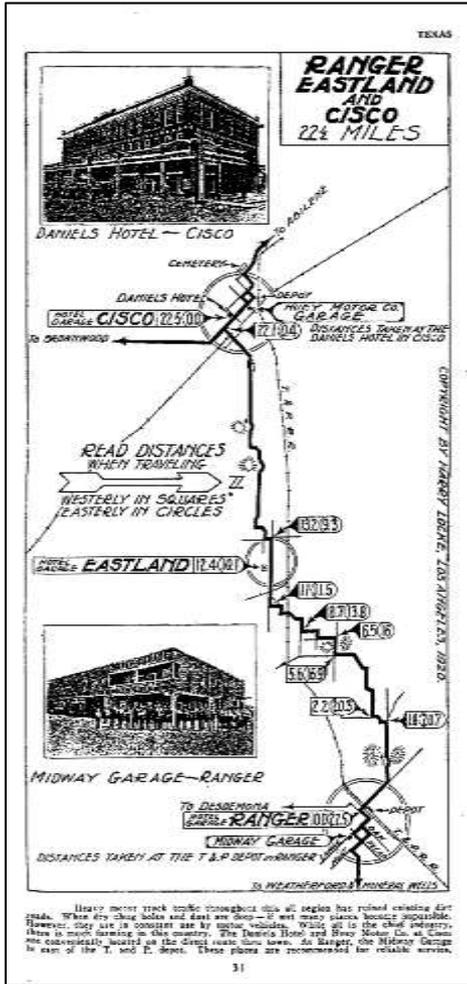
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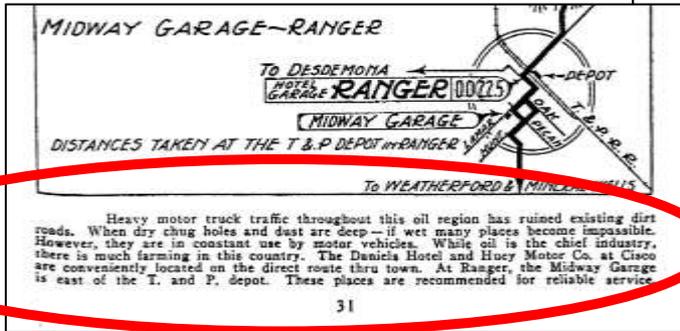
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Source: Baylor University

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May, 1924 CONCRETE HIGHWAY MAGAZINE 103

Shall it be Gravel or Single Track Concrete?

By J. W. REESE
County Judge, Rockwall, Texas

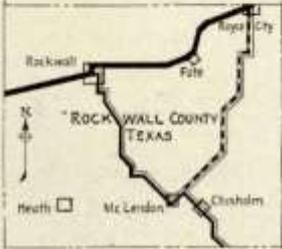


He is a "booster" for concrete roads

THOUGH available funds for road construction in Rockwall County were not sufficient for building standard width pavements, the taxpayers of Texas' smallest county would be satisfied with nothing less than concrete. The solution was found in the construction of single track concrete pavement which provided sufficient mileage to place every farmer in the county within an average distance of one mile from a hard-surfaced highway.

When road improvement was first contemplated, it was expected that only 13½ miles from Royce City through Rockwall would be paved. On this stretch—an 18-foot concrete pavement—Government and Federal Aid amounted to \$348,000 and the county's share was \$350,000. The balance of the \$800,000 county bond issue voted in 1919 originally was to be used in graveling the other important roads in the county. The change from gravel to single track concrete pavement for these roads was made after careful deliberation based on estimated costs.

As there is no gravel deposit in the county, all of this material must be imported over a haul of from 40 to 50 miles. Under these conditions a gravel surface 16 feet wide would cost \$11,000 per mile, exclusive of bridges and grading. The maintenance of a gravel road would add five or six hundred dollars yearly expense per mile while expensive scarifying and reshaping would be necessary every eight or ten years. Texas laws permit a county to issue bonds for only 25 per cent of its



Legend

- 8 Ft. Concrete Pavement Completed.
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- ... 8 Ft. Concrete Pavement Proposed.

Source: Internet Archive

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Why was the highway needed?

- Military Transportation



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Source: The Portal to Texas History

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Source: B. F. Hicks, Mount Vernon

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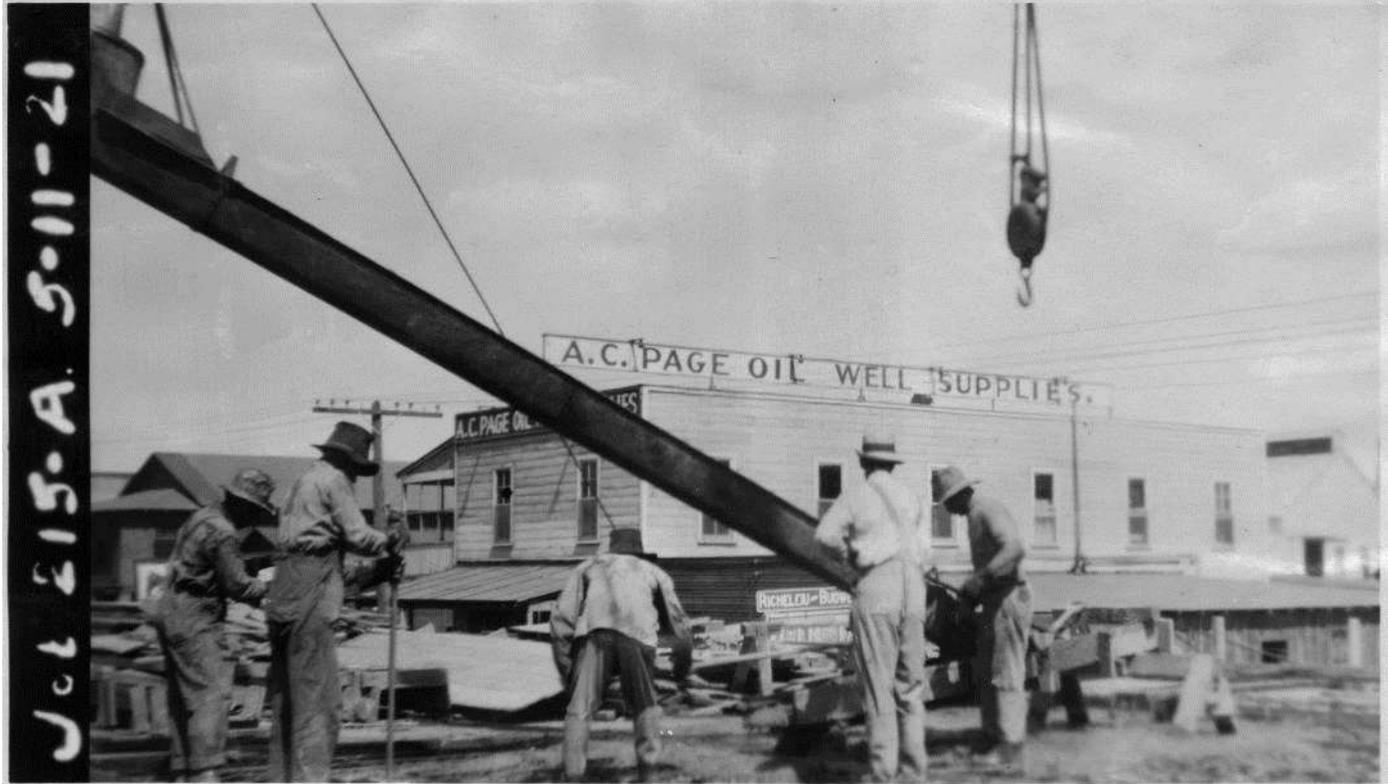
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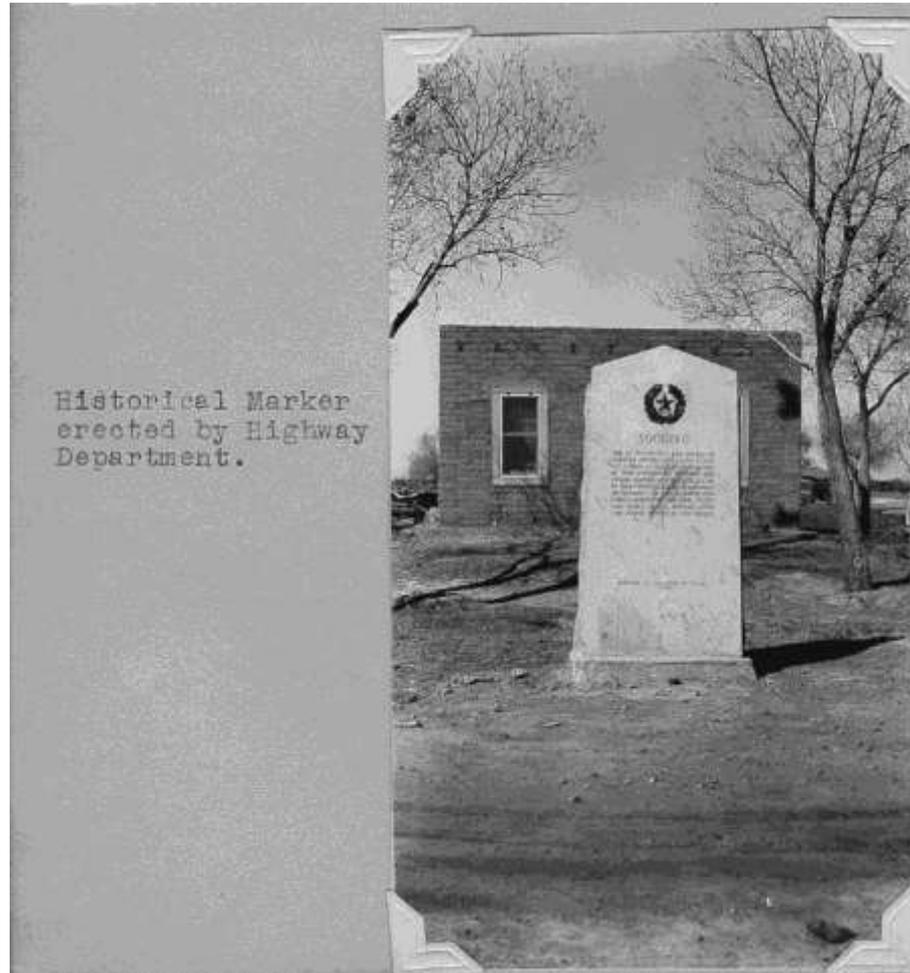
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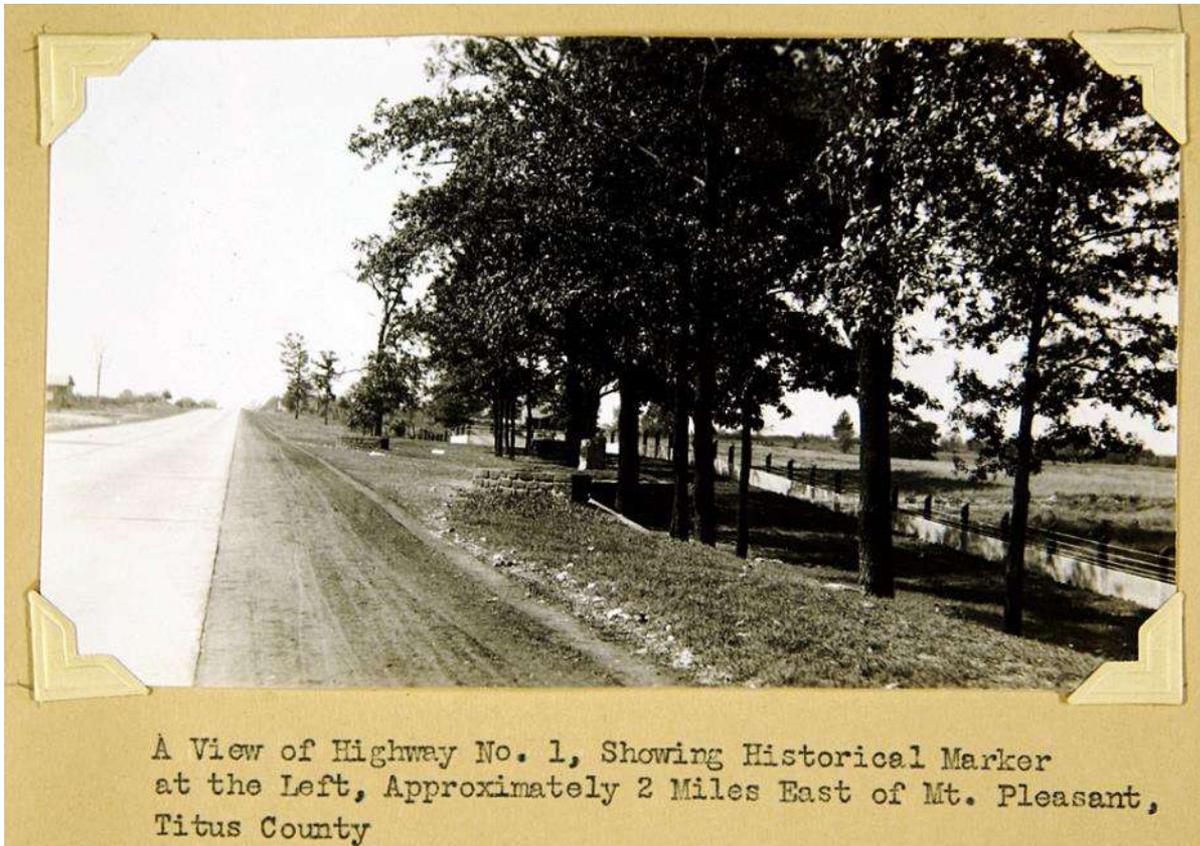
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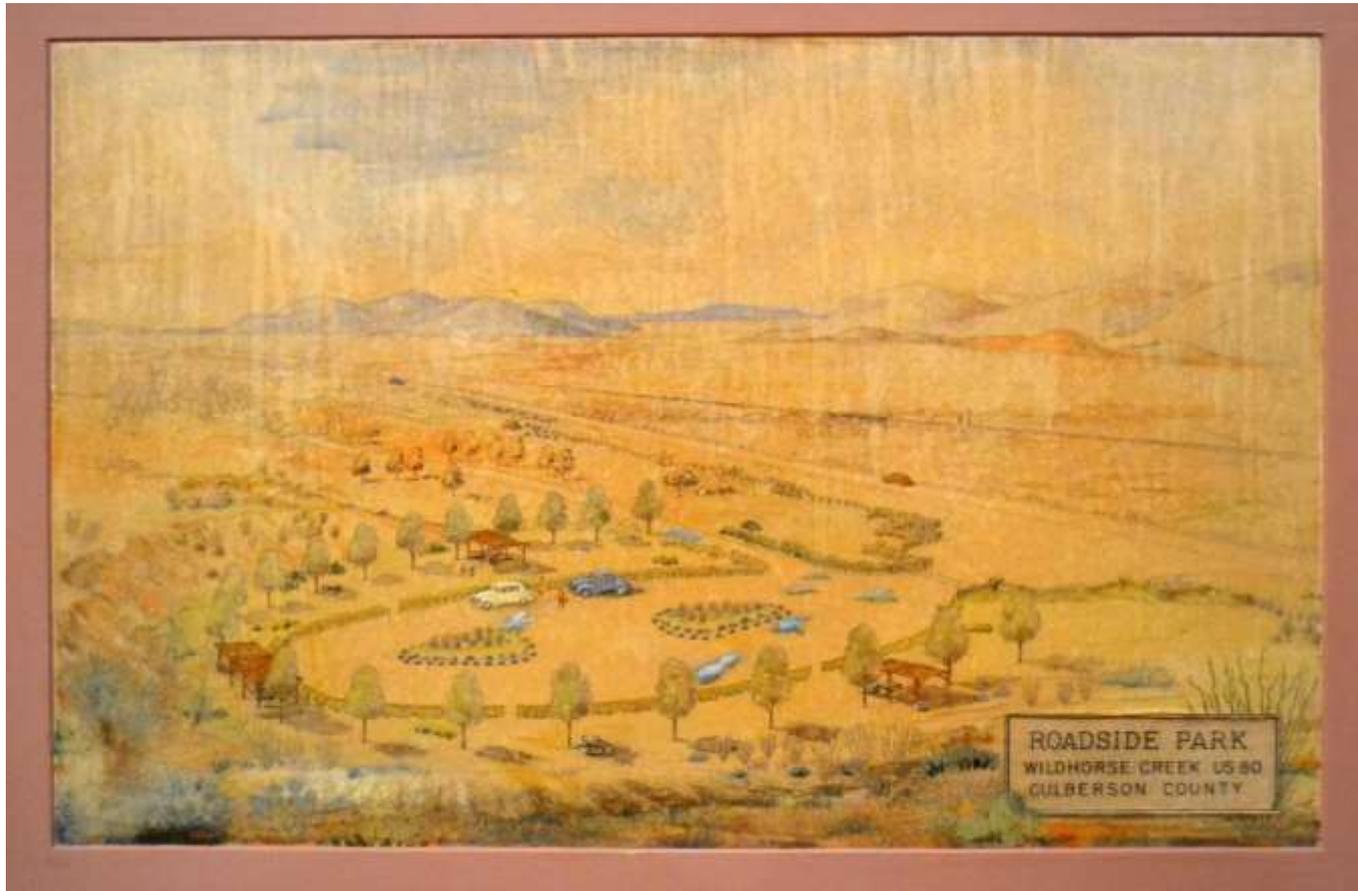


A View of Highway No. 1, Showing Historical Marker at the Left, Approximately 2 Miles East of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County

Source: TxDOT Photo Library

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Source: Culberson County Historical Museum, Clark Hotel, Van Horn, TX

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The Texas Flag and the above sign proved to Travelers that they really were in Texas.

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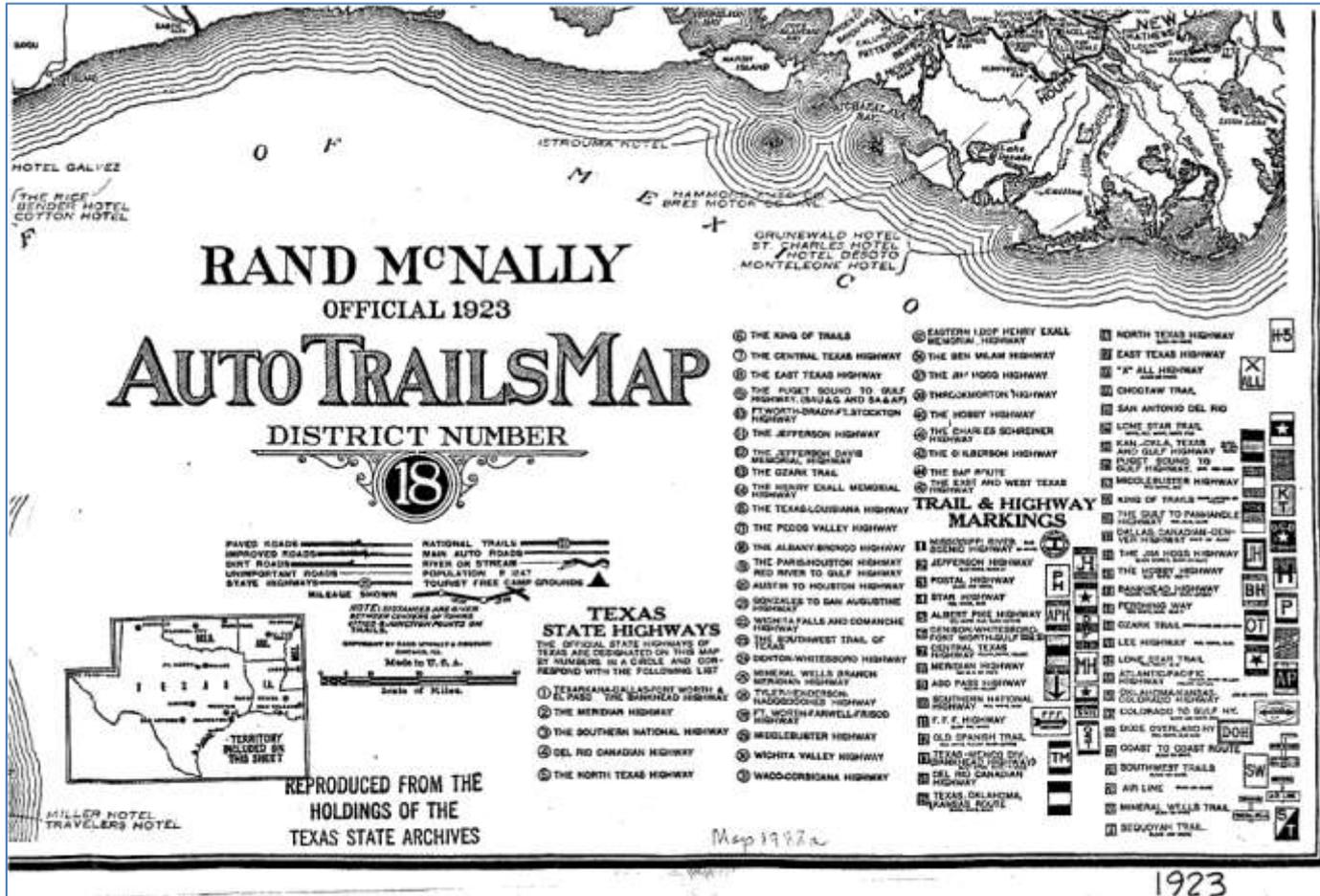
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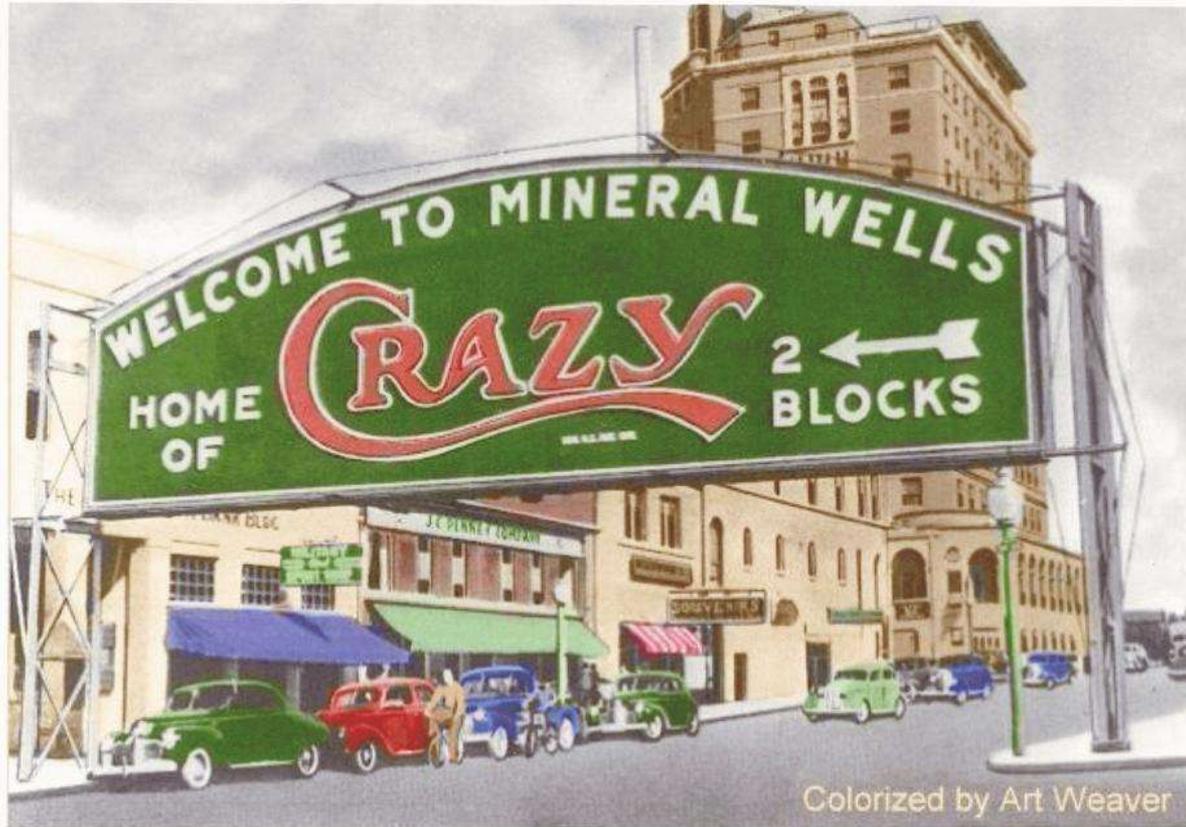
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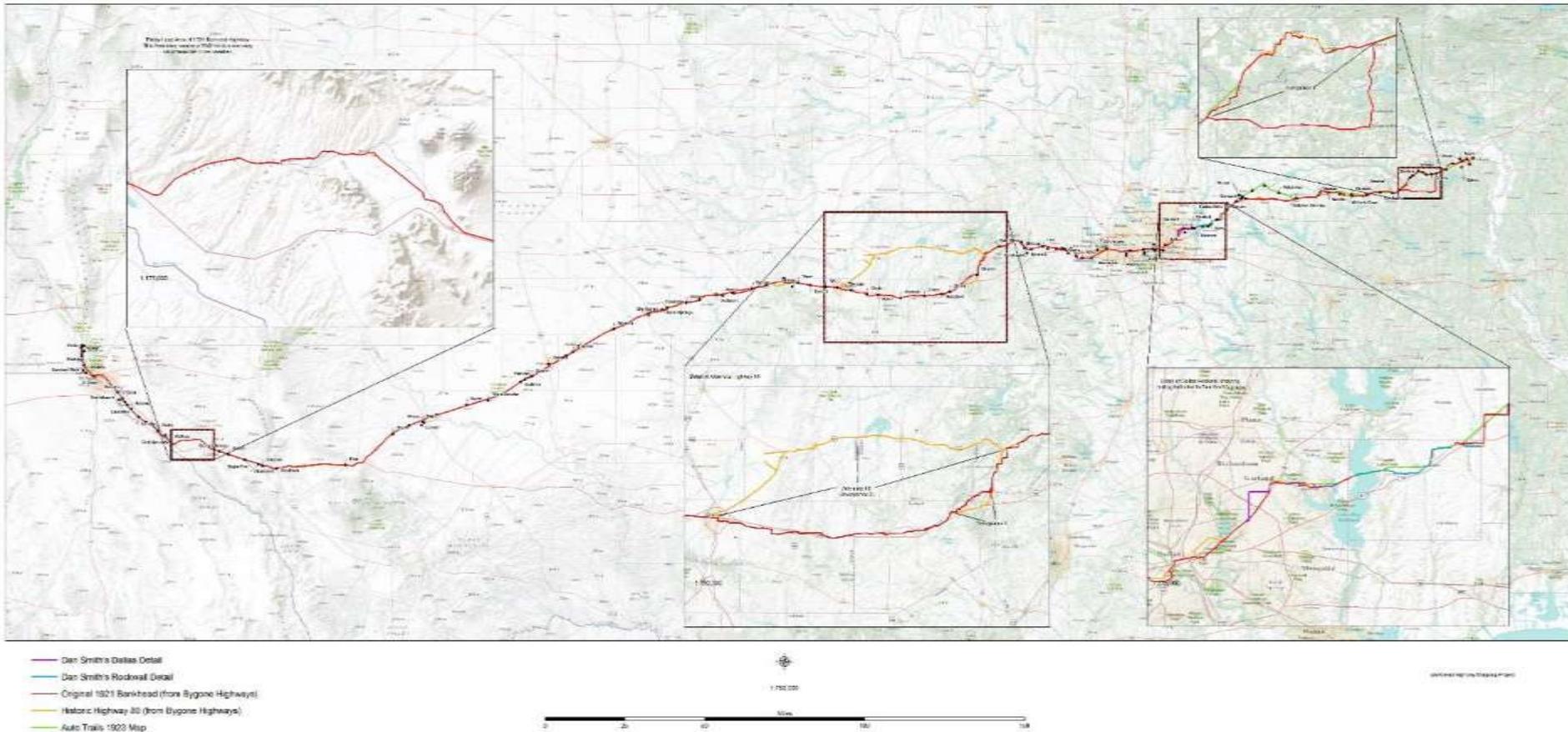
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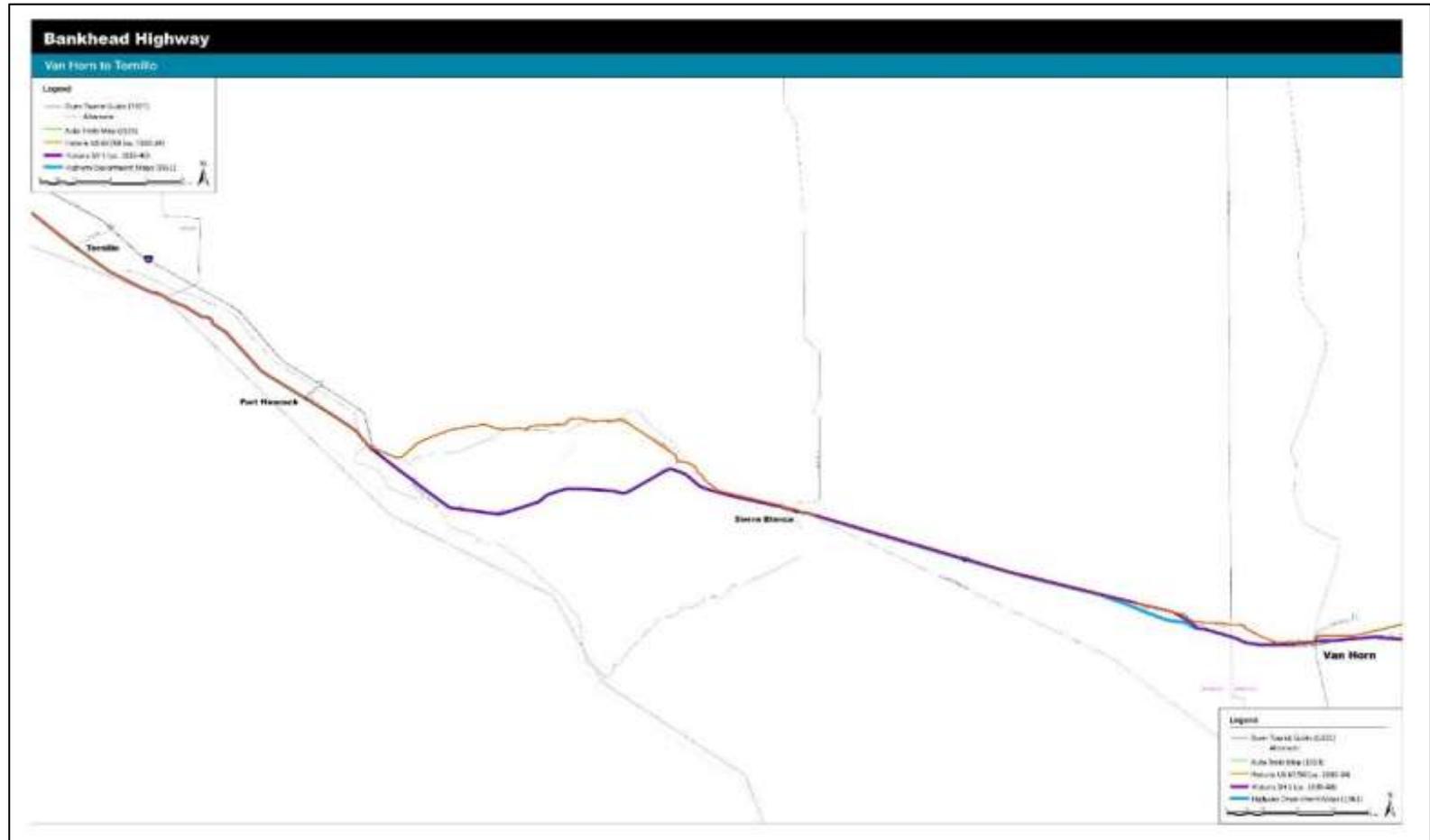
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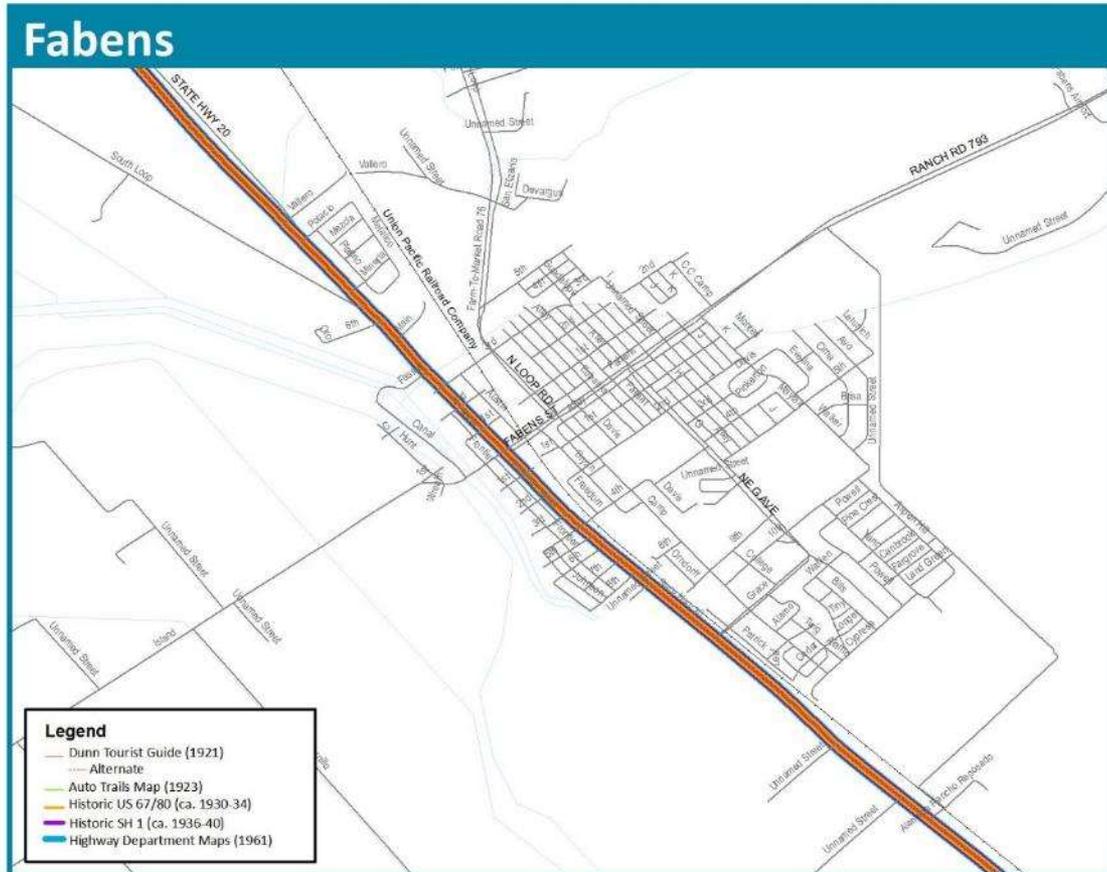
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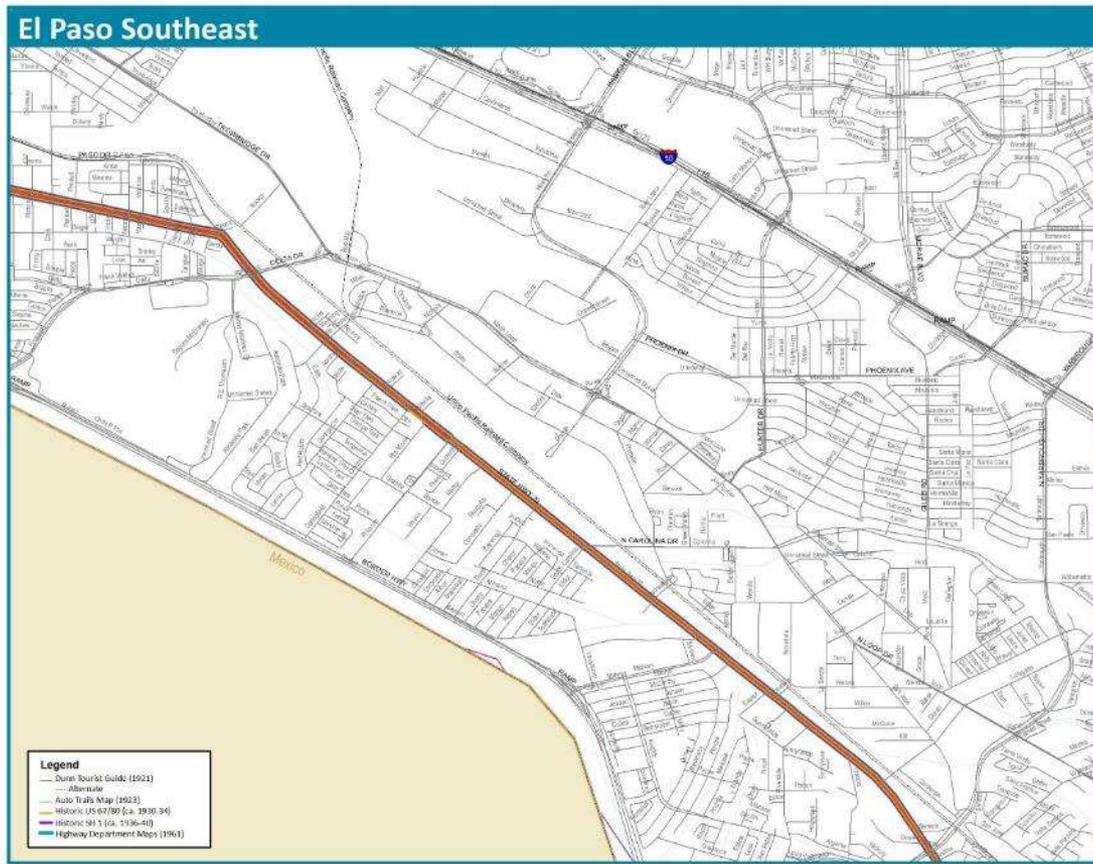
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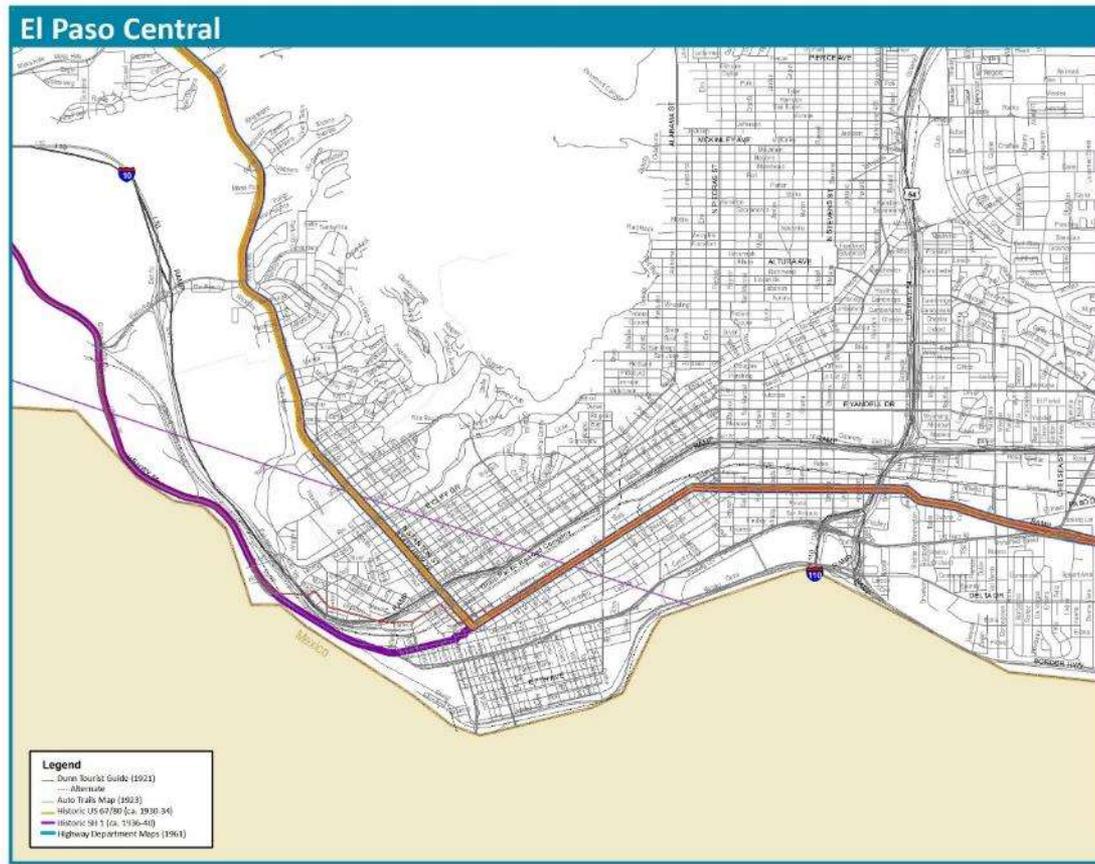
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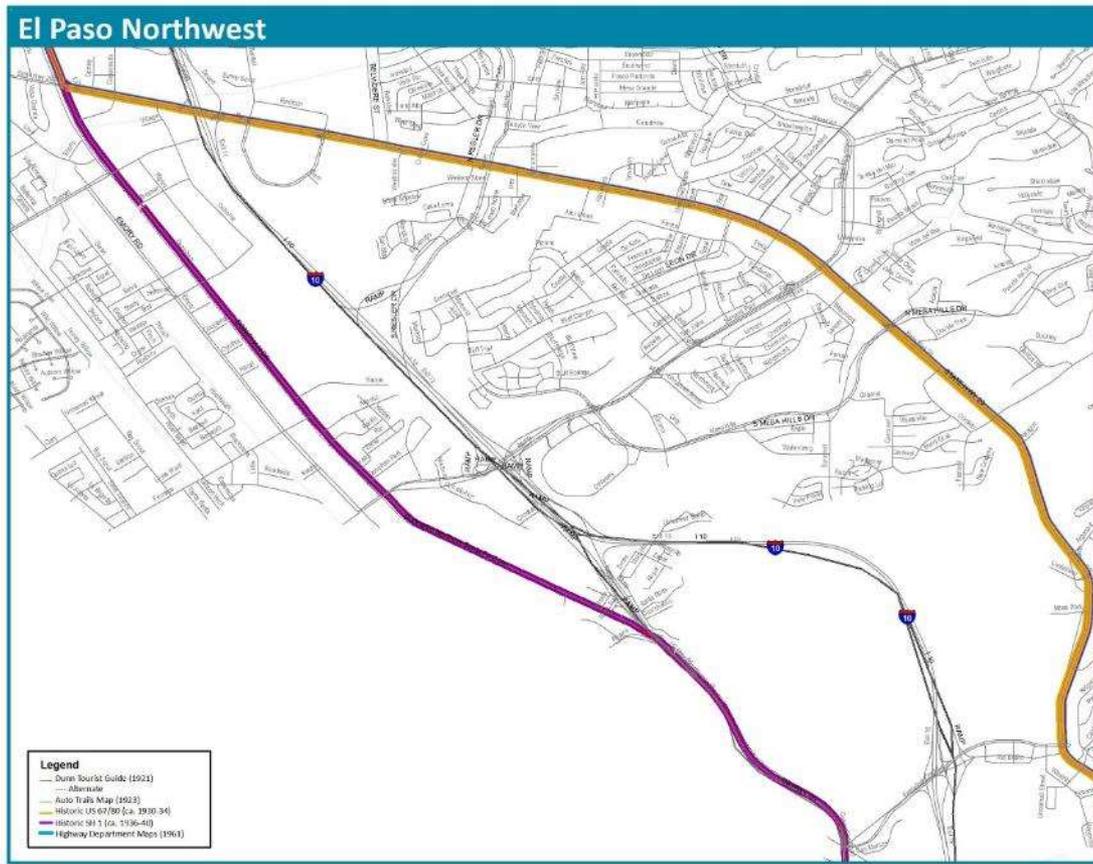
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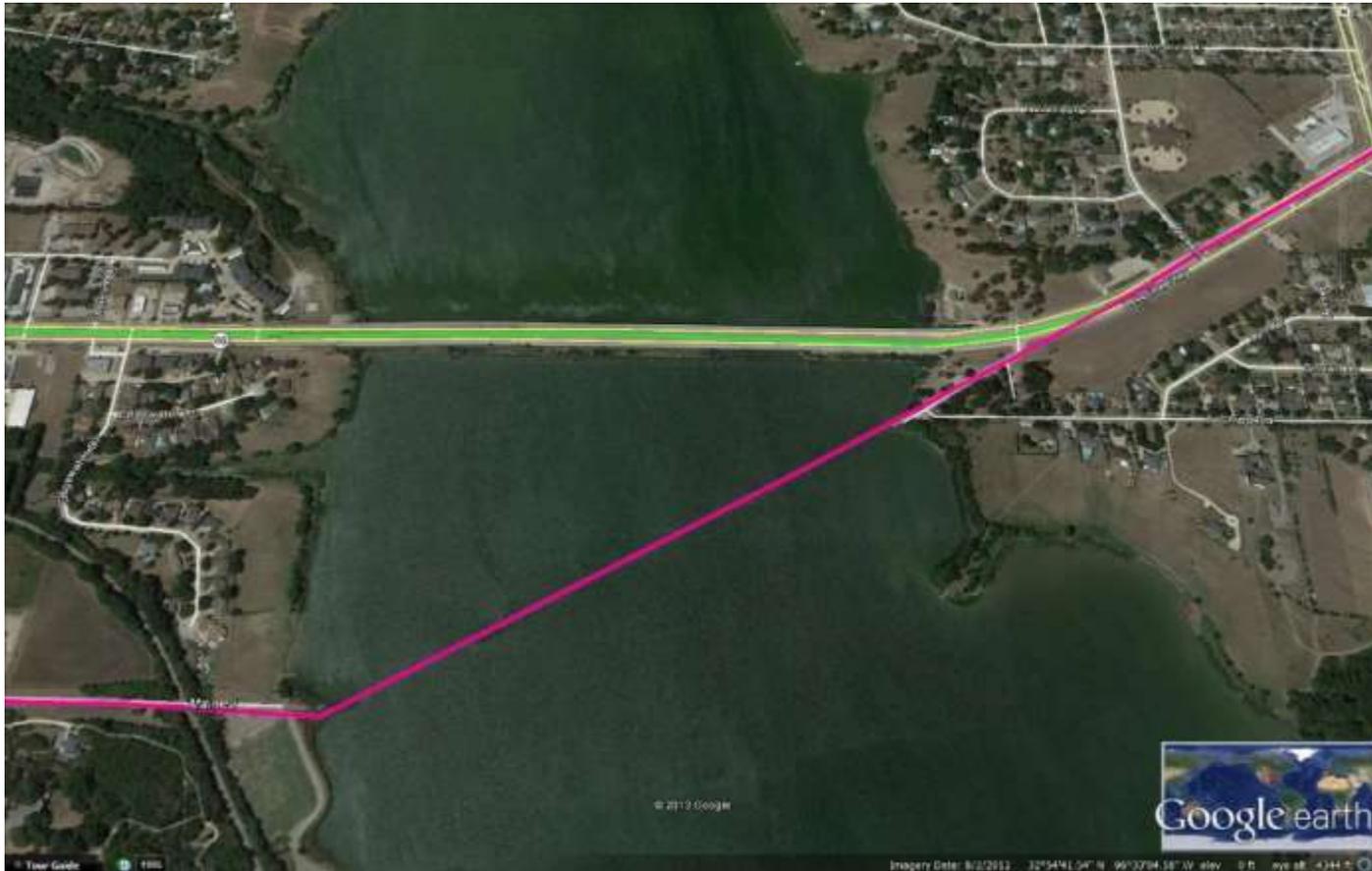
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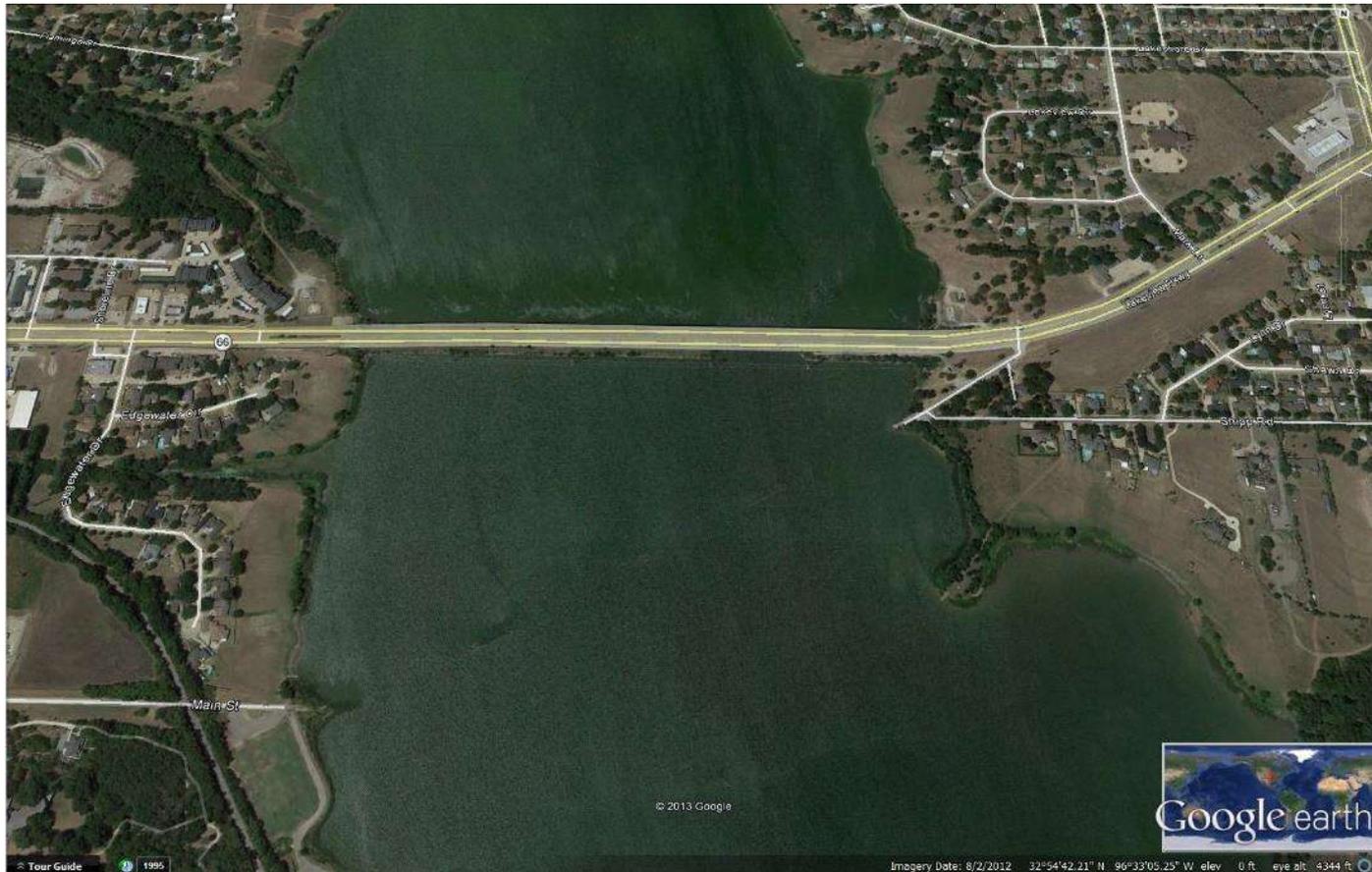
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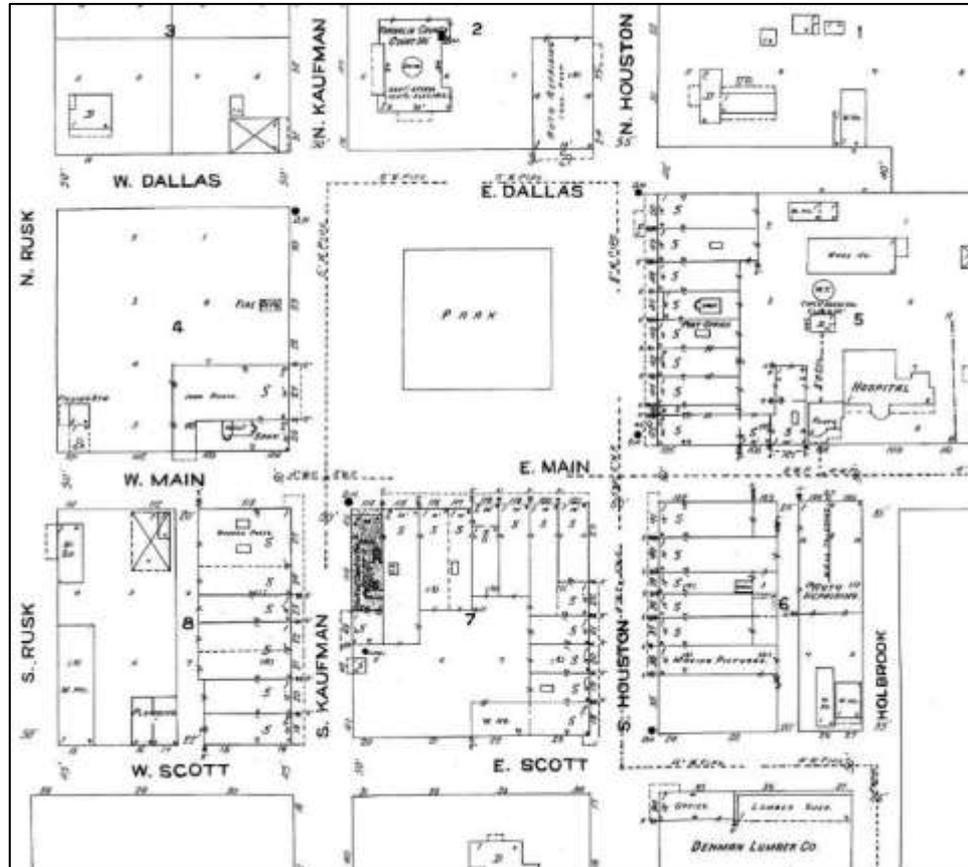
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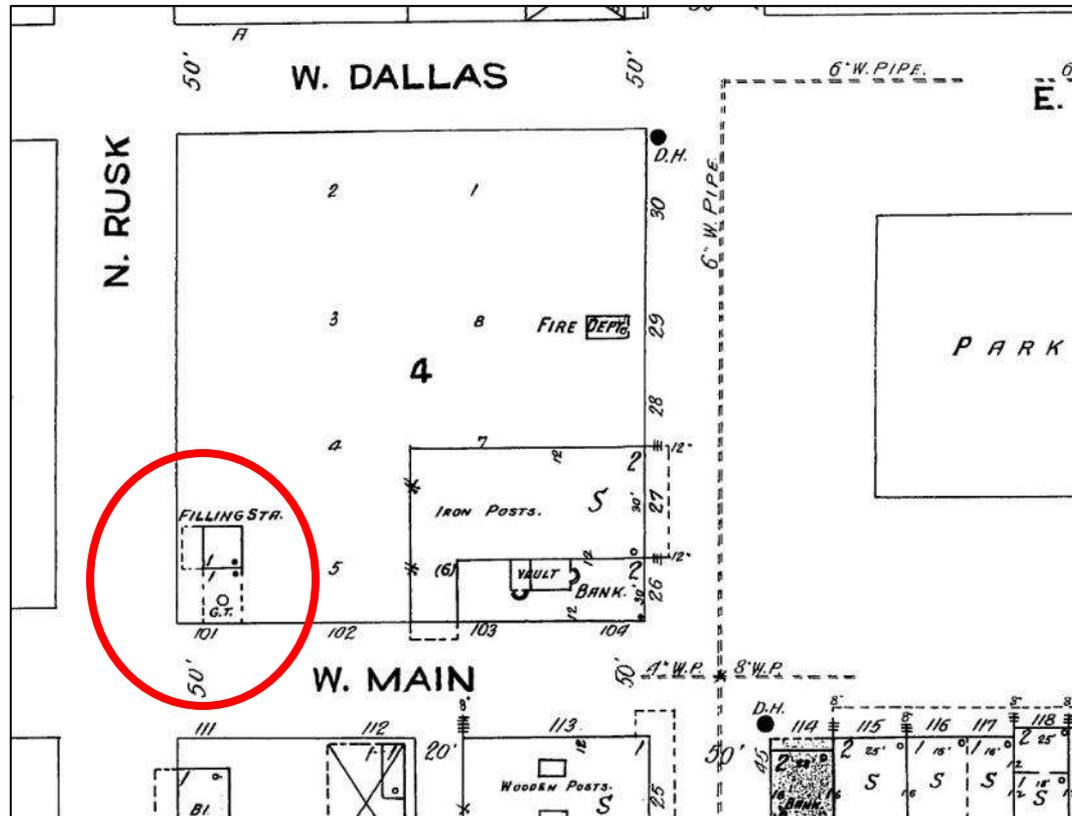
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Mount Vernon, 1923, Sanborn Map Co., Digital copy at Center for American History, UT Austin

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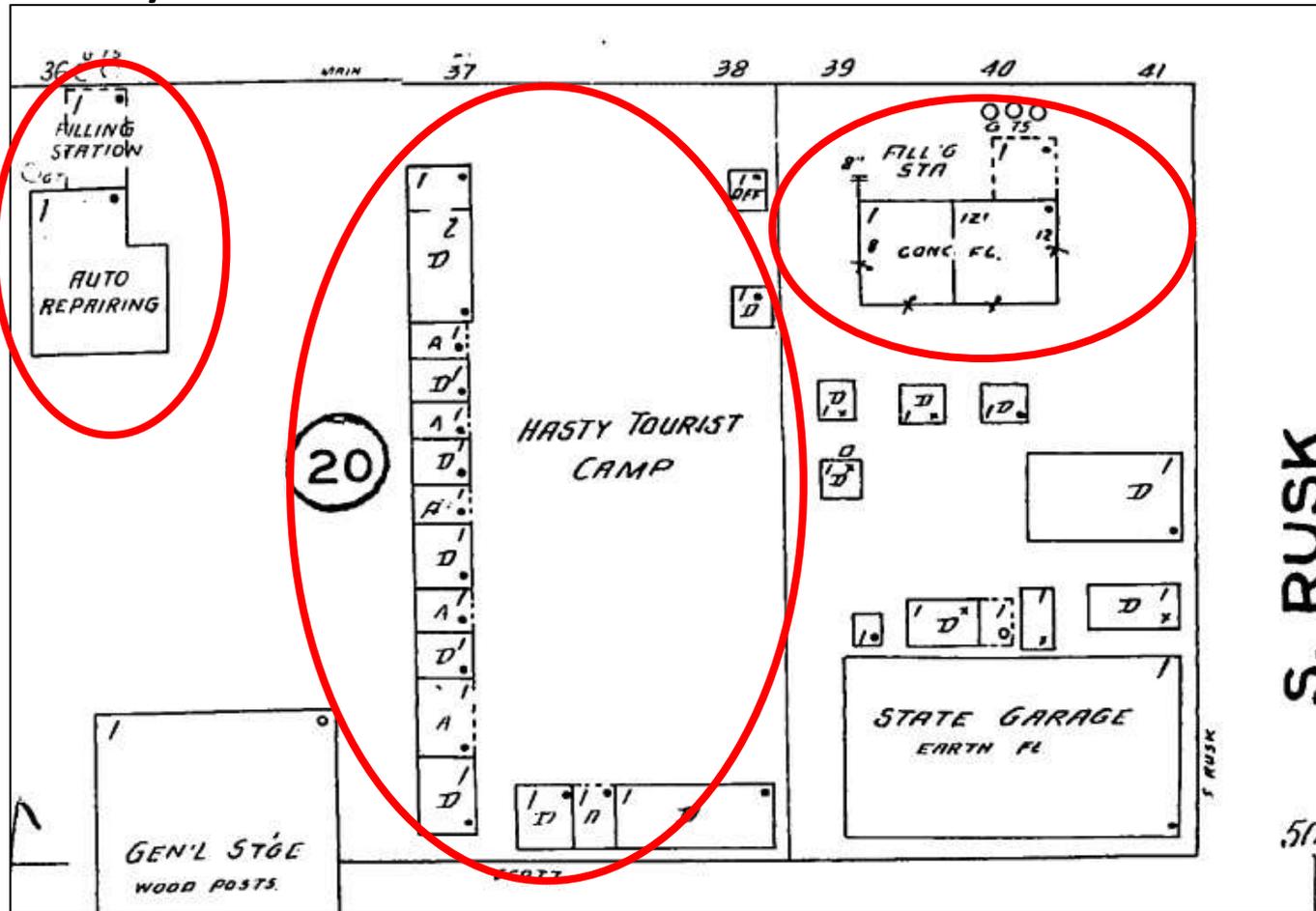
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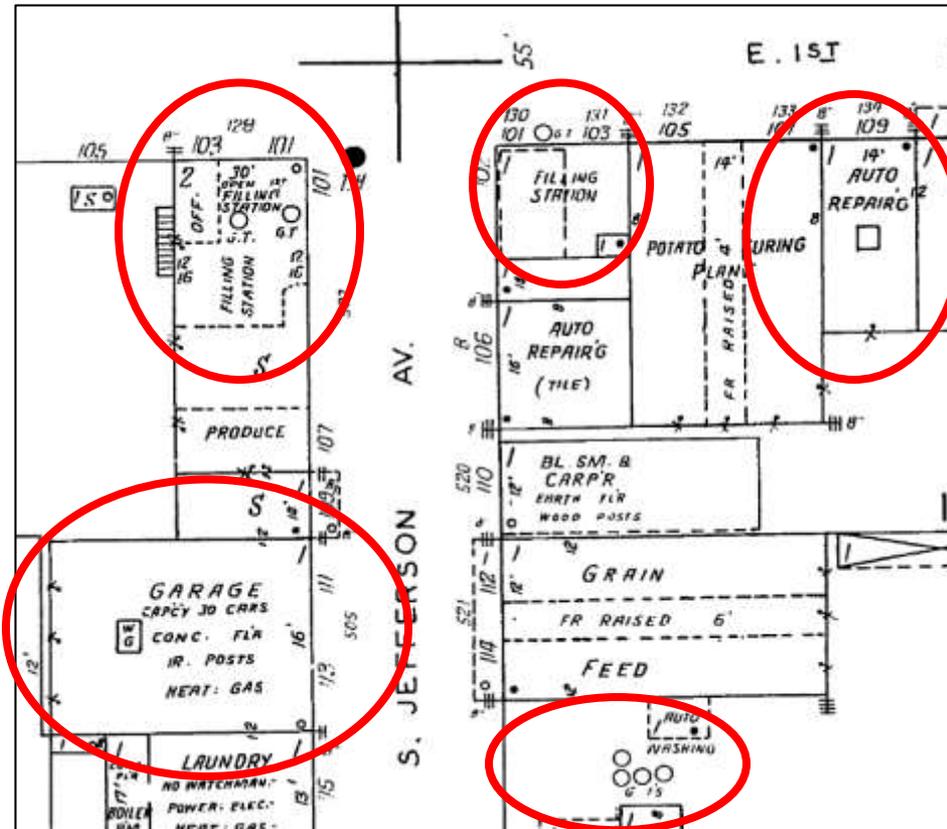
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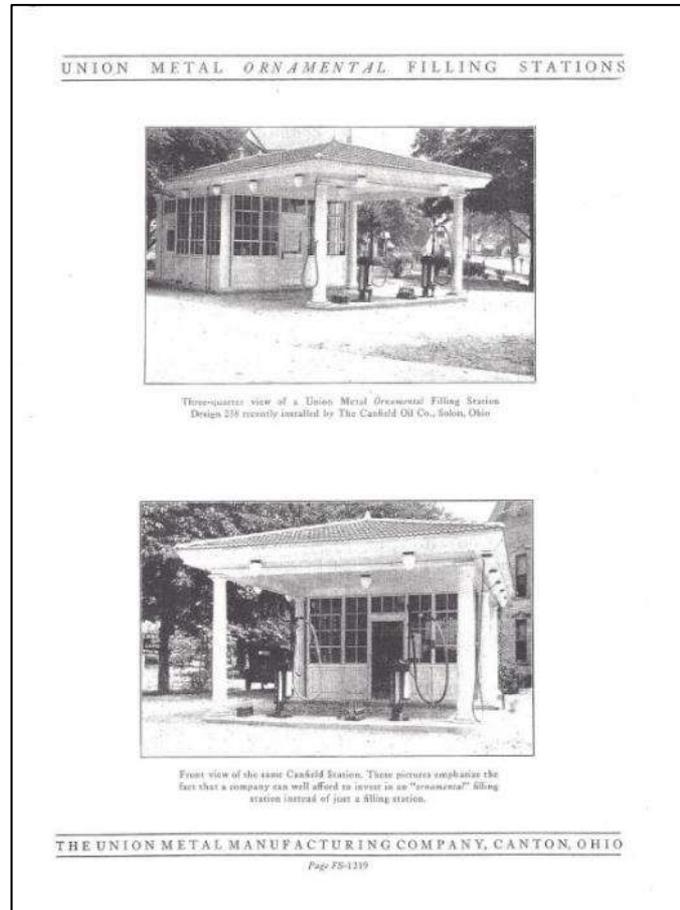
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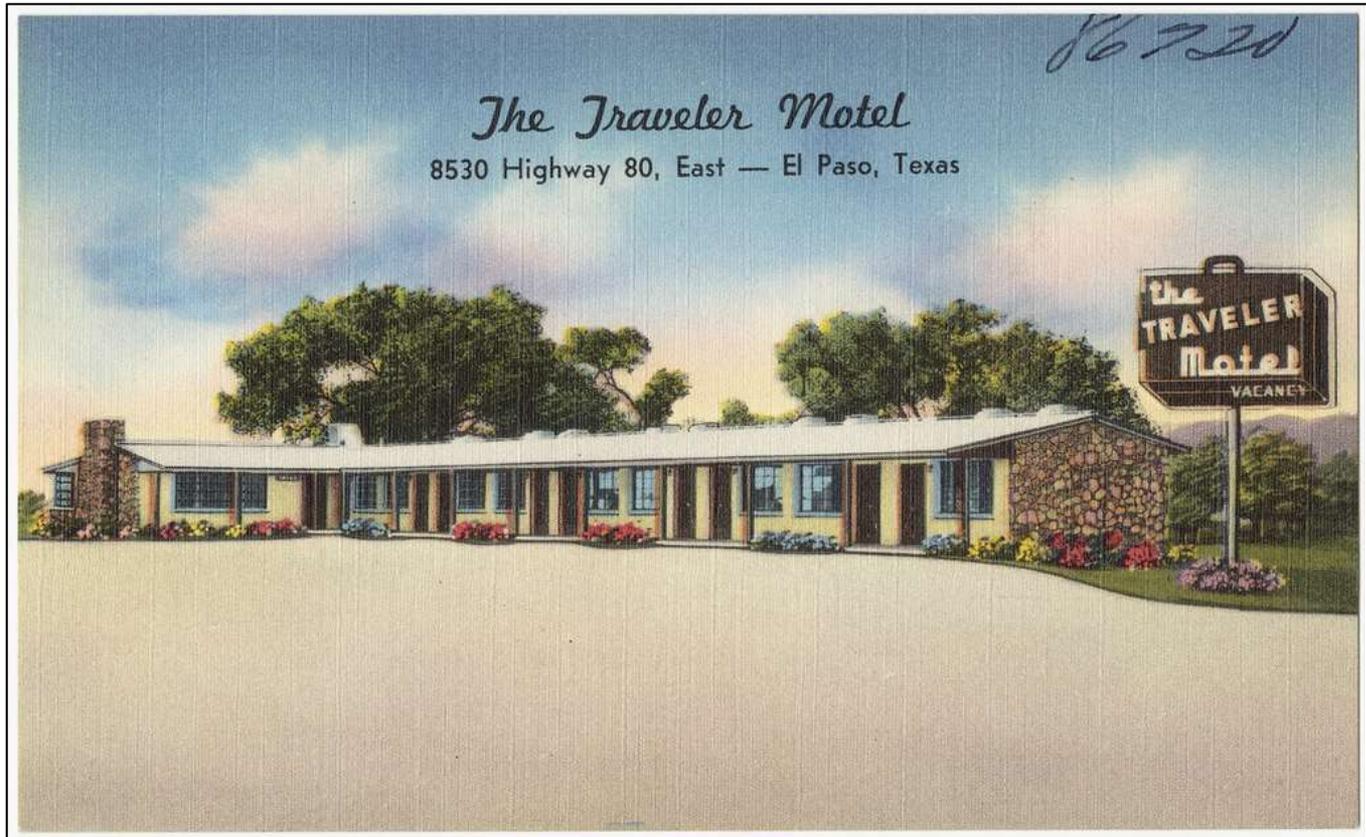
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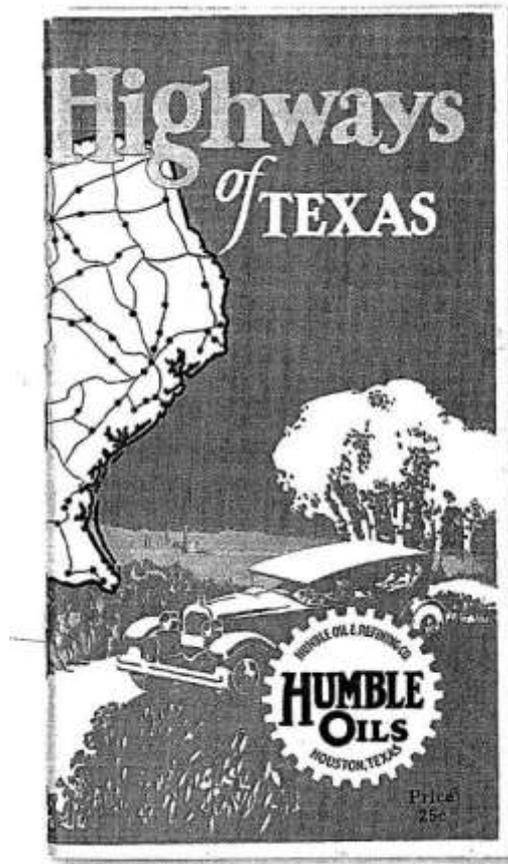
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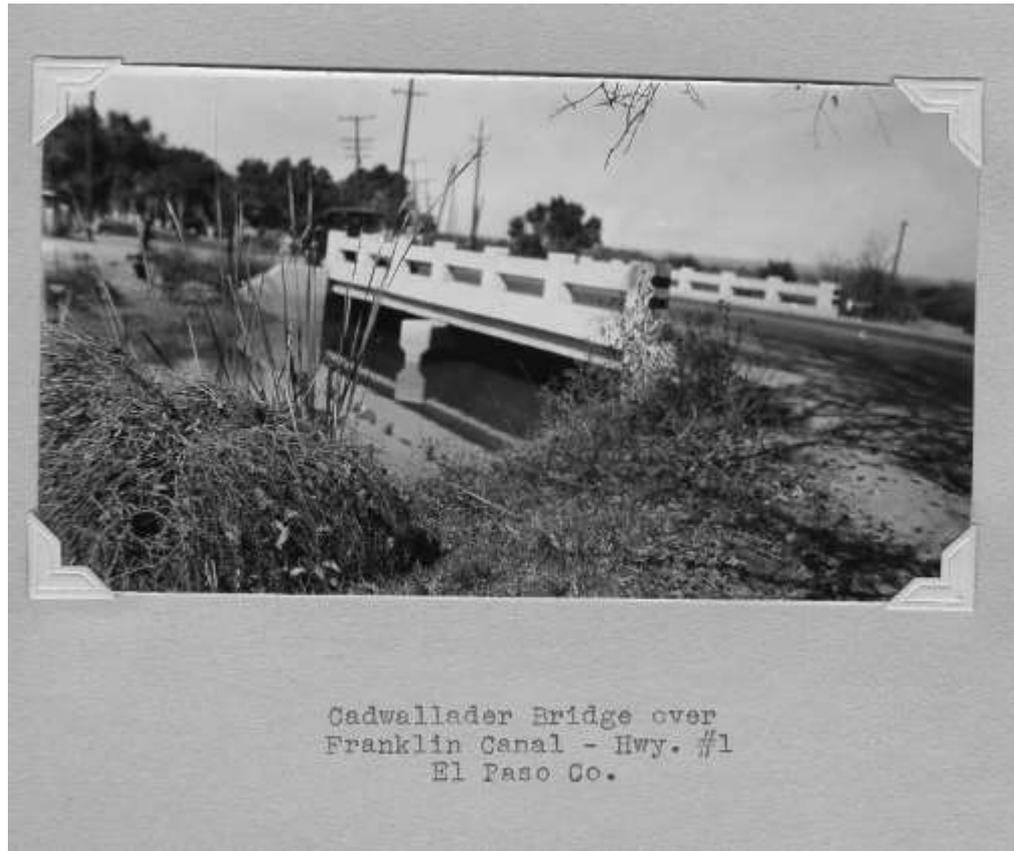
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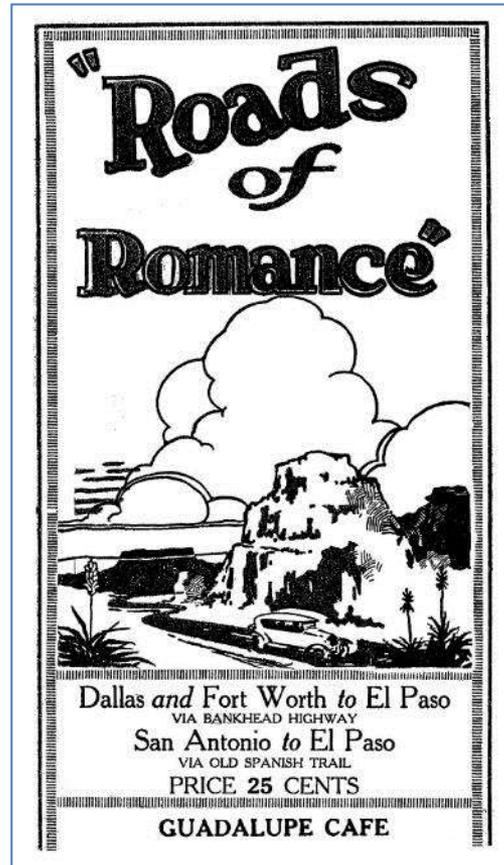
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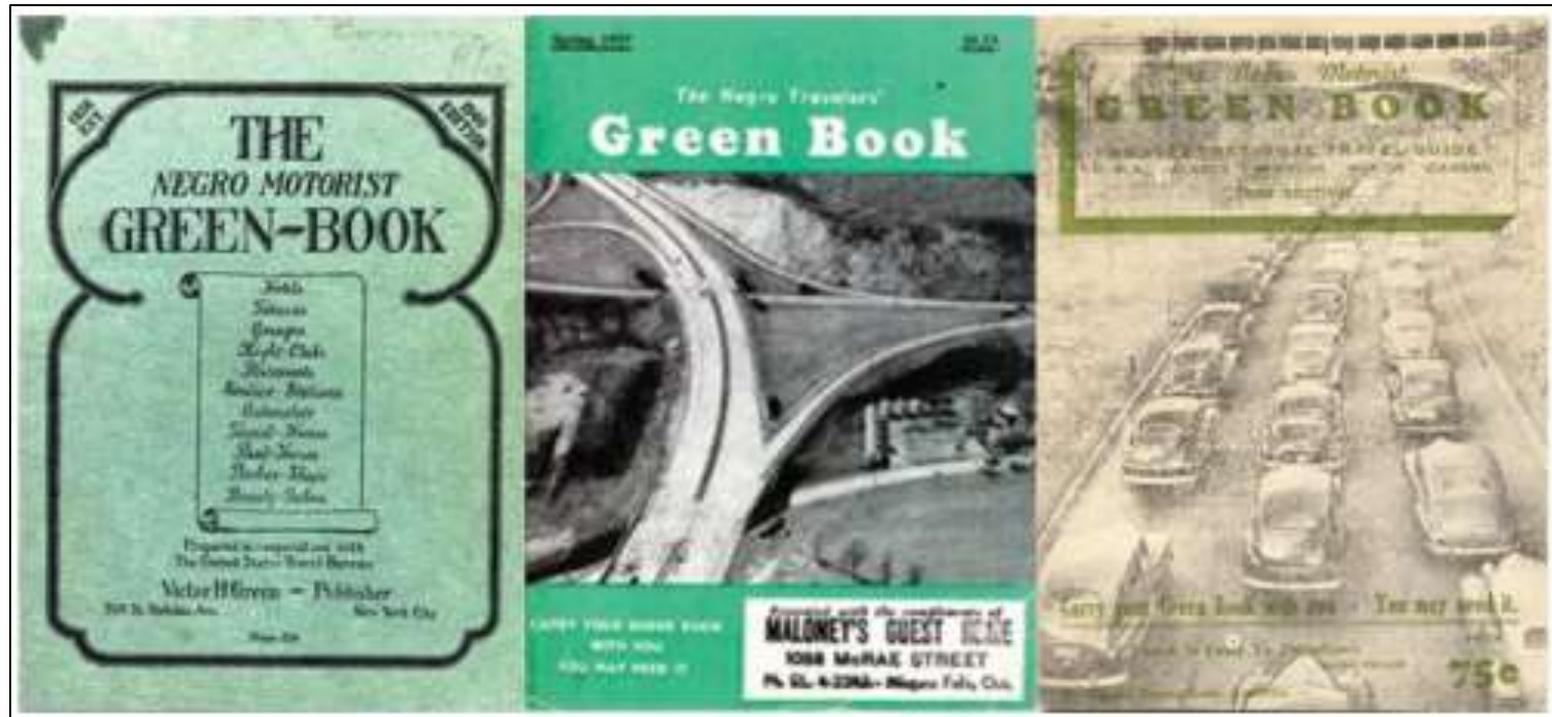
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CORSICANA

TOURIST HOMES
 Rev. Conner—E. 4th Ave.
 Mrs. R. Leo—712 E. 4th St.
RESTAURANTS
 Early Birds Cafe—220 E. 5th Ave.
BARBER SHOPS
 Mrs. Dellum—117 E. 5th Ave.

DALLAS

HOTELS
 Grand Terrace—Bell & Juliett
 Lewis—302½ N. Central St.
 Powell—3115 State St.
 Y. M. C. A.—2700 Flora St.
 Y. W. C. A.—3525 State St.
 Hall's—1825½ Hall St.
 Lons Star—3118 San Jacinto St.

RESTAURANTS
 Beaumont Barbeque—1815 Orange
 Davis—6306 Lemmon Ave.
 Palm Cafe—2213 Hall St.

BEAUTY PARLORS
 S. Brown's—1721 Hall St.

BARBER SHOPS
 Washington's—3203 Thomas Ave.

TAVERNS
 Hall St.—1804 Hall St.

DRUG STORES
 Smith's—2221 Hall St.

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HOTELS
HOTEL MURRAY THEATER
 218 S. MESA AVENUE
 Jordan's—104 Kemp St.

PHILLIPS MANOR
 704 ST. VRAIN STREET
 Daniel Hotel—413 S. Oregon St.

TOURIST HOMES
 A. Winston—3205 Alameda St.
 Mrs. S. W. Stull—311 Tornillo
 C. Williams—1307 Wyoming St.
 L. Walker—2923 E. San Antonio
 E. Phillips—704 S. St. Vrain St.

TAVERNS
 Daniel's—403 S. Orange St.
DRUG STORES
 Doonell—3201 Nanzana St.

FORT WORTH

HOTELS
 Del Rey—901 Jones St.
 Jim—413-15 E. Fifth St.

TOURIST HOMES
 Evan's—1213 E. Terrell St.

RESTAURANTS
 Y. M. C. A.—1604 Jones St.
 Green Leaf—315 E. 9th St.

BEAUTY PARLORS
 Dickerson's—1015 E. Rosedale

SERVICE STATIONS
 South Side—1151 New York St.

GALVESTON

HOTELS
 Oleander—421½ 25th St.
 Gus Allen—2710 Ave. F.

RESTAURANTS
 Mitchell's—417 25th St.

TOURIST HOMES
MISS G. H. FREEMAN
 1414 - 29th STREET
 Mrs. J. Pope—2824 Ave. M

TAVERNS
 Gulf View—28th & Blvd. Houston

NIGHT CLUBS
 Manhattan—2802 Ave. R½

BEAUTY PARLORS
 Ilma's—4106 Ave. N.

BARBER SHOPS
 Imperial—415 25th St.

GARAGES
 Sunset—3928 Ave. H.

HENDERSON

RESTAURANTS
 Chat & Chew—615 N. Mill St.

BARBER SHOPS
 Mucklerogs—617 N. Mill St.

BEAUTY PARLORS
 Tatums—Sand Street

SERVICE STATIONS
 Johnson's—Kilgore & Tyler Hwy

GARAGES
 Holman's—Kilgore & Tyler Hwy

HITCHCOCK

RESTAURANTS
 Rose Bud—Hwy 6

BARBER SHOPS
 Fairwood—Hwy 6

BEAUTY PARLORS
 Mae's—Hwy 6

SERVICE STATIONS
 Brown's—Hwy 6

ROAD HOUSES
 Pressure Inn—Hwy 6

HOUSTON

HOTELS
 Y. M. C. A.—1217 Bagby St.
 Cooper's—1011 Dart St.
 Dowling—3111 Dowling St.
 New Day—2112 Gray

RESTAURANTS
 Eva's—1617 Dowling St.

BEAUTY PARLORS
 School & Parlor—222 W. Dallas
 Lou Lillie's—2714 Lee St.
 Margaret's—5216 New Orleans St.
 Hick's—803 Cleveland
 Franklin—2014 Dowling St.
 Martin's—3895 Lyons Ave.

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Historic Texas Highways



In 2009, House Bill 2642 established the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program, the goal of which is to identify, designate, interpret, and market historic roads and highways in Texas. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have entered into agreement to administer projects relating to this program.

The first project under the Historic Roads and Highways Program focuses on the historic Bankhead Highway, a coast-to-coast roadway established in 1916. The Texas Legislature designated the Texas portion of the Bankhead as a Texas Historic Highway in 2009. Using Federal Transportation Enhancement funds, the THC and TxDOT are coordinating

to accomplish several products:

- A historic context for Texas highways statewide,
- A cultural resources survey of much of the Bankhead Highway (including field documentation of highway-related resources),

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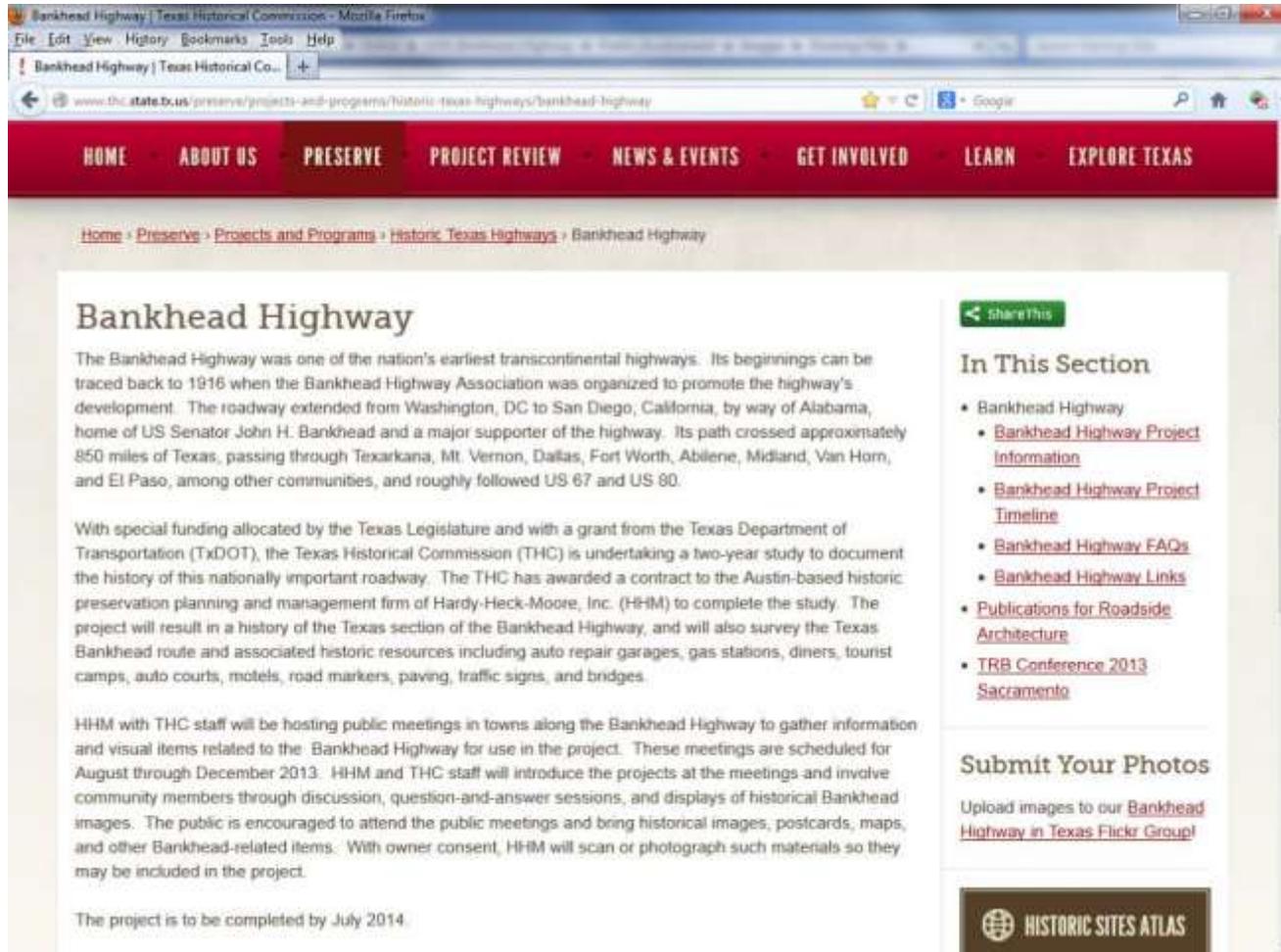
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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Bankhead Highway page on the Texas Historical Commission website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/bankhead-highway. The website has a dark red navigation bar with the following menu items: HOME, ABOUT US, PRESERVE, PROJECT REVIEW, NEWS & EVENTS, GET INVOLVED, LEARN, and EXPLORE TEXAS. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Preserve > Projects and Programs > Historic Texas Highways > Bankhead Highway. The main content area features the title "Bankhead Highway" and three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph describes the highway's history, starting in 1916 and passing through various Texas cities. The second paragraph details a current study by the Texas Historical Commission and Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. The third paragraph discusses public meetings for information gathering. A "Share This" button is visible on the right side of the page. Below the main text, there is a section titled "In This Section" with a list of links: Bankhead Highway, Bankhead Highway Project Information, Bankhead Highway Project Timeline, Bankhead Highway FAQs, Bankhead Highway Links, Publications for Roadside Architecture, and TRB Conference 2013 Sacramento. At the bottom right, there is a "Submit Your Photos" section with a link to the "Bankhead Highway in Texas Flickr Group" and a logo for the "Historic Sites Atlas".

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Bankhead Highway

The Bankhead Highway was one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways. Its beginnings can be traced back to 1916 when the Bankhead Highway Association was organized to promote the highway's development. The roadway extended from Washington, DC to San Diego, California, by way of Alabama, home of US Senator John H. Bankhead and a major supporter of the highway. Its path crossed approximately 850 miles of Texas, passing through Texarkana, Mt. Vernon, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Midland, Van Horn, and El Paso, among other communities, and roughly followed US 67 and US 80.

With special funding allocated by the Texas Legislature and with a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of this nationally important roadway. The THC has awarded a contract to the Austin-based historic preservation planning and management firm of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. (HHM) to complete the study. The project will result in a history of the Texas section of the Bankhead Highway, and will also survey the Texas Bankhead route and associated historic resources including auto repair garages, gas stations, diners, tourist camps, auto courts, motels, road markers, paving, traffic signs, and bridges.

HHM with THC staff will be hosting public meetings in towns along the Bankhead Highway to gather information and visual items related to the Bankhead Highway for use in the project. These meetings are scheduled for August through December 2013. HHM and THC staff will introduce the projects at the meetings and involve community members through discussion, question-and-answer sessions, and displays of historical Bankhead images. The public is encouraged to attend the public meetings and bring historical images, postcards, maps, and other Bankhead-related items. With owner consent, HHM will scan or photograph such materials so they may be included in the project.

The project is to be completed by July 2014.

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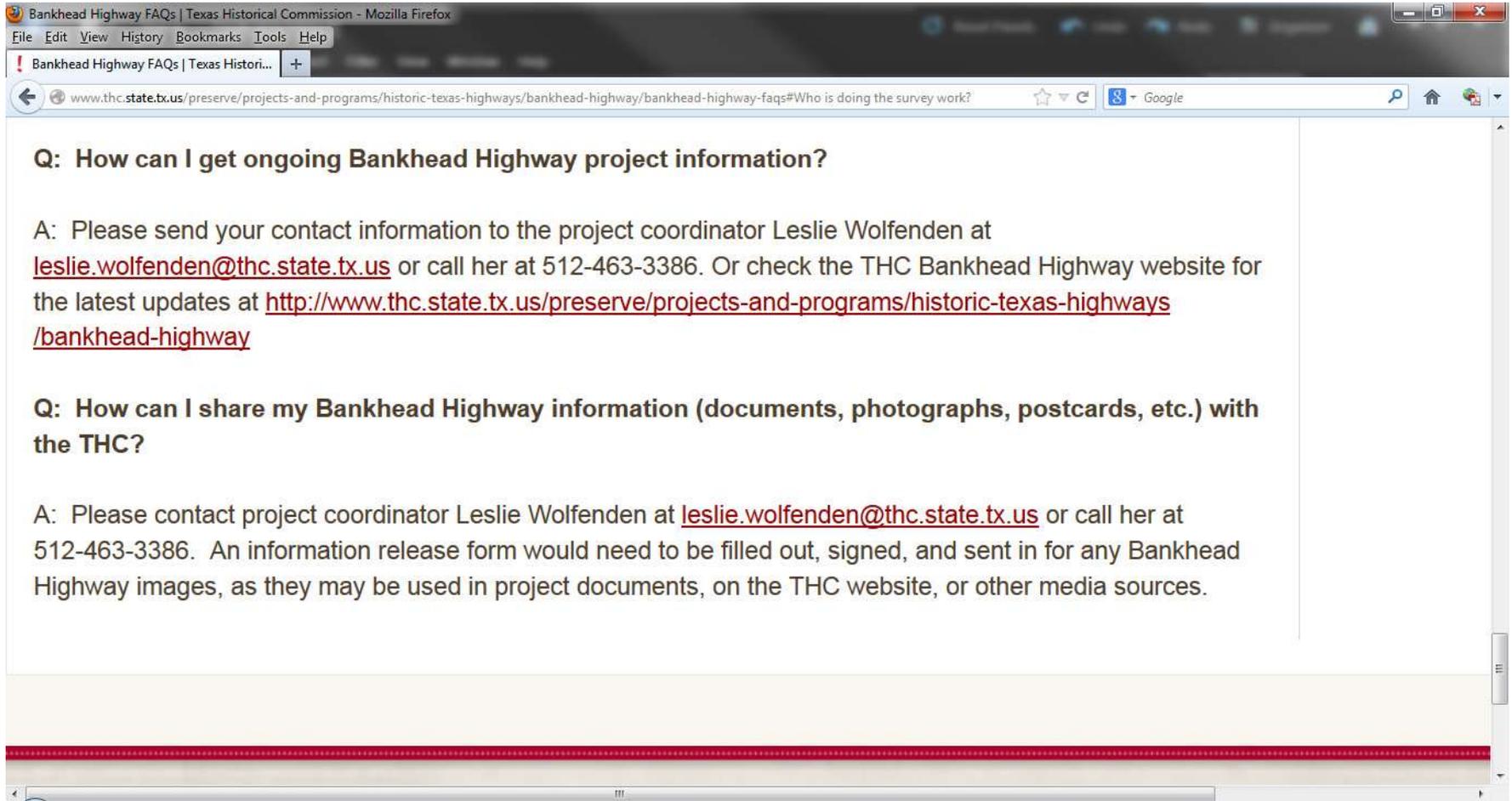
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Q: How can I get ongoing Bankhead Highway project information?

A: Please send your contact information to the project coordinator Leslie Wolfenden at leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us or call her at 512-463-3386. Or check the THC Bankhead Highway website for the latest updates at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/bankhead-highway>

Q: How can I share my Bankhead Highway information (documents, photographs, postcards, etc.) with the THC?

A: Please contact project coordinator Leslie Wolfenden at leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us or call her at 512-463-3386. An information release form would need to be filled out, signed, and sent in for any Bankhead Highway images, as they may be used in project documents, on the THC website, or other media sources.

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Bankhead Highway News & Links

Articles

- [America's Highway](#) by East Texas Journal (7/2010)
- [Banking on the Bankhead](#) by THC Medallion (1-2/2011)
- [On the Road Again](#) by Texas Highways (5/2011)
- [Bankhead Highway Study: A Roadmap for Appreciation, Preservation](#) by Texas Assoc. of Counties (9-10/2012)
- [Historian Gives a Talk on Bankhead National Highway](#) by Texarkana Gazette (2/27/2012)
- [Help Tell the Story of the Bankhead Highway](#) by San Augustine Tribune (7/4/2013)
- [Help Tell the Story of the Bankhead Highway in Texas](#) by Mineral Wells Index (7/5/2013)
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QUESTIONNAIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

Project contact: Leslie Wolfenden, 512.463.3385, leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us

Participant Contact Information

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Activities along the Bankhead Highway

Did you, your family, or friends travel on the Bankhead Highway? If so, when, how often and for what reason? _____

Did new businesses open when the highway was built? If so, what kind of businesses were they and when were they in use? _____

Did the highway pass through the downtown area? If so, did any events take place on the downtown section of the highway, and what were they...fairs, parades, community celebrations? _____

What impact did paving the highway have on local business and movement from town to town? Did tourism increase? _____

What happened to businesses in your community when the interstate was built? _____

Buildings and Structures along the Bankhead Highway

Do you remember any buildings or places that highway travelers used, such as tourist camps, tourist courts, motels, gas stations, repair garages? If so, what and where were they, and when were they used? Do they still exist? _____


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Do you remember any old bridges, parks or rest areas built along or near the highway? If so, where were they and do they still exist? When were they built and when did people stop using them? _____

Are there any old sections of road that are no longer used? If so, where are they? _____

Historical Information

Do you have any photographs, postcards or written materials showing places on or near the Bankhead? Are you willing to have them scanned or photographed for use in this project? _____

Do you know anyone else who might have materials to share? If so, please provide contact information. _____

I have photos, post cards or other materials to share with the project but did not bring them to this meeting. The survey crew will contact you to arrange an opportunity for you to share your materials. Please complete the section at the top of the Questionnaire so you can be contacted.

Project Feedback

Please record any comments you have on this meeting, or the project. _____

Thank you for your participation.


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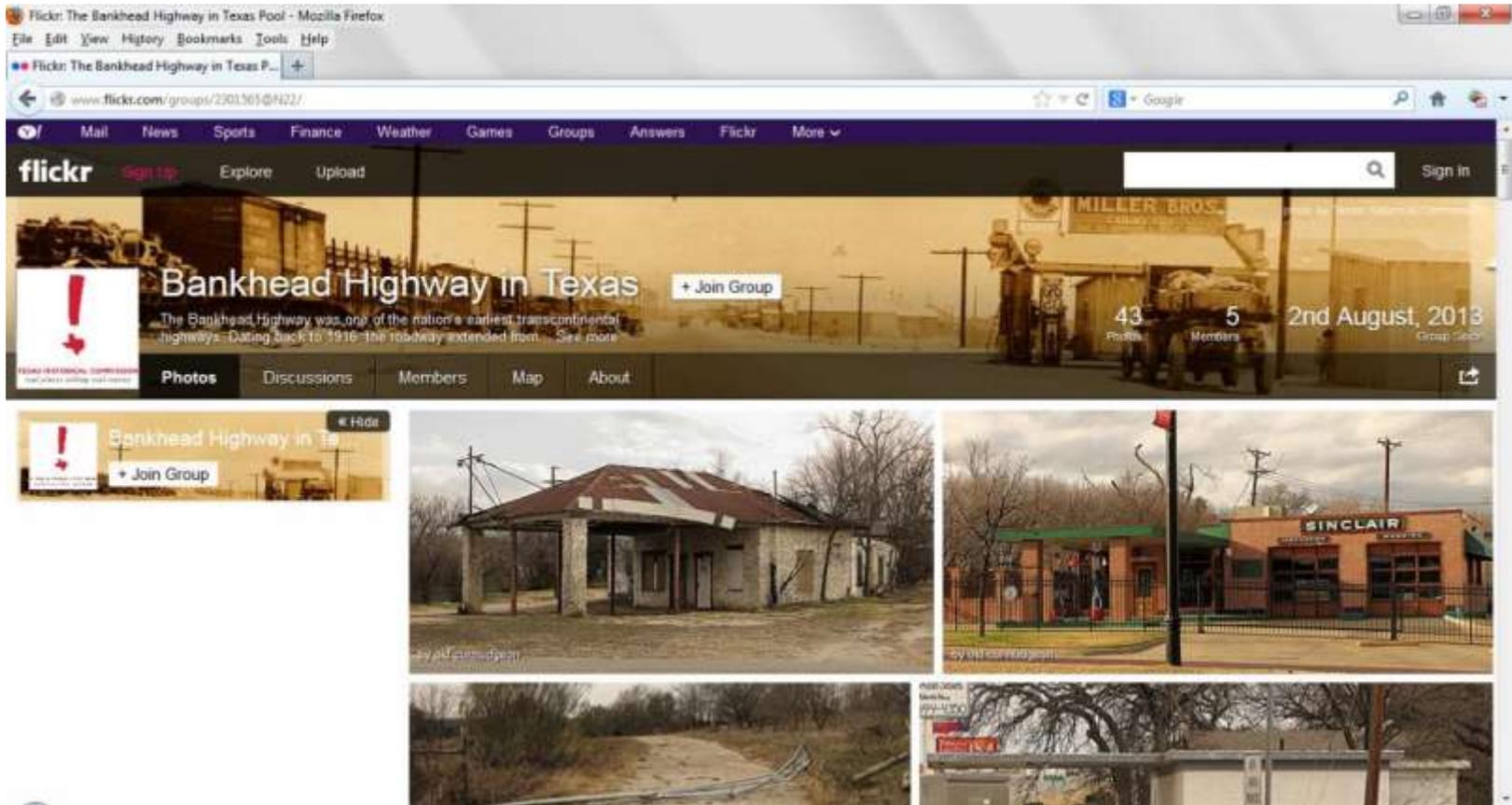
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 - David Moore, Historian
 - Email: dmoore@hhminc.com
 - Phone: 512-478-8014 x 109

Thank you for coming!

- Questions?

