



Sixth Street Chevron Station

Amarillo, Texas

Cost Share Grant Project Spotlight

The Sixth Street Chevron Station is located in the heart of the Sixth Street Historic District in Amarillo, Texas. Built in 1939, it served Chevron gasoline for many years when this busy urban road served as Route 66. After Route 66 was rerouted from Sixth St. to Amarillo Blvd in 1953, business declined and by 1962 the station ceased gasoline sales and began operation as an auto body shop. Eventually, the station closed its doors for good. After a long period of vacancy and decay, a new owner, possessed with a vision and desire to preserve the historic integrity of the building, began rehabilitation.

In 2004, the new owner was awarded a cost- share grant from the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program to assist with repairs to the roof, exterior walls, and canopy. During the project, a new roof was installed, and the exterior walls were repaired and re- finished. The canopy was brought back to life with the replacement of the tin ceiling to match the historic, as well as neon and incandescent lighting. The owner also painstakingly restored the steel frame windows, and plans to reconstruct the historic signage and historic gas pumps. The station's early Chevron accent colors of cream, green, and burgundy will also be restored.

While the property now serves as a private business office, it has attracted a great deal of attention from the surrounding community and Route 66 travelers since its rehabilitation. To address the public's interest in the property, the owner plans to display period artifacts and to host classic car and other Route 66- related events. Once a dilapidated eyesore, the station has once again resumed a place of importance on Route 66.



Station canopy, before restoration.



Station canopy, with tin ceiling and lighting restored.

For more information about preservation initiatives on historic Route 66, contact:

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