

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001398

Date Listed: 11/19/97

Rte. 66, St. Maintained, McCartys-Grants, Cibola Co.
Property Name **County**

NM
State

Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Bob Roland
Signature of the Keeper

8/12/98
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Consideration G should be checked.

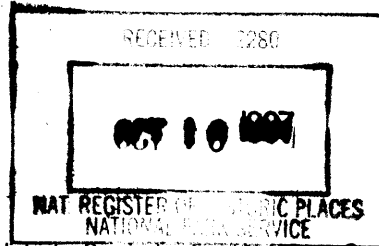
This was verified by Mary Ann Anders of the NM SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name State maintained Rt. 66: McCartys to Grants

other names/site number NM 124, NM 117

2. Location

street & number E. of McCartys to E. of Grants not for publication

city or town Grants vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Cibola code 006 zip code 87020

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Liz Sebastian SHPO 10-1-97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Jill Boland 11/19/97

Rt. 66: McCartys to Grants
Name of Property

Cibola, NM
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other asphalt surfacing, wood bridges, metal bridge

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

Period of Significance

1936-1956

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 152 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1 3	2 5 7 8 9 0	3 8 8 4 1 6 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	1 3	2 5 2 9 6 0	3 8 8 2 7 5 0

3	1 3	2 4 7 6 6 0	3 8 8 6 1 0 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	1 3	2 4 2 2 8 0	3 8 9 2 0 0 0

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Cibola County, New Mexico

7. Description

This 12.5 mile section of state maintained Route 66 serves as a frontage road along Interstate 40 from west of the McCarty's overpass at I-40 to the junction of I-40 and NM 117 and then as a local road from that junction westward to where it intersects Business 40 at the east end of Grants. The eastern portion of the section measuring 7.3 miles is designated NM 124, and the western portion, measuring 5.2 miles is designated NM 117. Passing through several miles of lava flow, known locally as malpais, this road section presented a challenge to early roadbuilders as discussed in the Multiple Property listing. During the 1930s numerous New Deal projects improved this portion of Route 66. The grade separation was added at Horace in 1934, and the entire road section was paved in 1935-36 when a pony truss bridge and a concrete subway were also constructed near McCarty's. The alignment served as a part of Route 66 until it was replaced by I-40 after 1956. The road's passage through the malpais, numerous vistas, and notable elements of the road section imbue this road section with a strong feeling of travel along Route 66 in the 1930s and 40s. Brown and white signs denoting "Historic Route 66" have recently been erected by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the roadside.

The road section's alignment approximates the drainage of the Rio San Jose and the tracks of the former AT&SF Railroad. With Mt. Taylor rising over 12,000 ft. to the north and the Zuni Mountains to the West, the vistas afforded motorists suggest the rugged Southwest, especially where the road weaves its way through the malpais. At McCarty's a concrete and steel subway (1936) eliminates a grade crossing. A mile west a steel pony truss bridge bearing 1936 bridge plates crosses the Rio San Jose. After the road completes a deviation of approximately one-quarter mile to pass under I-40, it resumes its historic alignment as it diverges from I-40 and passes over a wood grade separation (1934) before reaching the eastern edge of Grants. Although I-40 closely parallels the eastern portion of this section of Route 66,

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causing a slight deviation from the original alignment of less than a quarter mile at the I-40 subway, the historic alignment, cross-section template, and surrounding landscape remain largely intact.

8. Significance

Designated as State Highway 6 in 1914 and a part of the National Old Trails Highway, a trans-regional road association that preceded the creation of the federal highway system in 1926, the road from McCarty's to Grants remained a gravel road until the 1930s. Funding under FAP 113 as well as several New Deal projects resulted in the improvement and paving of the highway in 1936. Among these improvements were the construction of two grade separations, including one at Horace, the site of several fatal accidents during the early years of Route 66. This section of state-maintained Route 66 is significant for its association with the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico and thus is eligible under Criterion A.

9. Bibliography

"Plan and Profile of FAP 113" dated 6/27/49. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

Rae, Steven R. et. al. New Mexico Historic Bridge Survey. Santa Fe: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, 1987.

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Verbal Boundary Description

This property is 12.5 miles long and is maintained as a frontage and local road by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. The east end lies at the junction of Route 66 (NM 124) and the eastbound exit ramp of I-40 at the McCarty's interchange, and the west end is at the junction of Route 66 (NM 117) and Business 40 at the east end of Grants. The sides are a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the centerline, marking a right of way of 100 feet, a minimum width used by the State Highway Department during the 1930s.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated with this section of Route 66.