HISTORIC ROADS
Texas roads are full of history.

- Early travelers took routes like the Old San Antonio Road and the Old Bastrop Highway.
- Before Route 66, the Meridian and Bankhead Highways carried drivers across the county.
- The Texas Highway Department’s first official highway project constructed a 20-mile road between Falfurrias and Encino.

Today’s roads remind us of these historic corridors. State Highway 21 follows the Old San Antonio Road. You can visit a piece of the Bankhead Highway at TxDOT’s Ranger 1-20 Safety Rest Area. You can also see a piece of the first highway along US 281 in South Texas—look for the historical marker!

Learn more about historic roads in Texas at TxDOT.gov, keyword “history”.