

## = Missouri Route 16 =

Route 16 is a 70.9 mile long ( 26 @. 891 km ) highway in Lewis County , Missouri . The western terminus is at Route 6 east of Lewistown . The route travels eastward , through Monticello and a few rivers . Route 16 then intersects U.S. Route 61 ( US 61 ) . The route ends at US 61 Business and Route B in Canton . The road was formerly part of Route 6 , but it was rerouted in 1931 . The old alignment was renumbered Route 96 that year . Ten years later , the route was renumbered to Route 16 .

## = Route description =

All of the road is in Lewis County . Route 16 starts at a three @-@ way junction at Route 6 in rural farmland east of Lewistown . The route travels eastward in a straight line for over two miles ( 3 @. 2 km ) before turning northeast . It crosses over the Middle Fabius River one mile ( 1 @. 6 km ) later . Route 16 then passes through large groups of forests and enters back into large fields . The road continues traveling northeast and intersects Routes Y and BB . From there , Route 16 heads northward , crossing over North Fabius River , and enters Monticello . The road passes through the center of the village and meets Route A as it turns east . The route then intersects Route Z , near the Lewis County Regional Airport . The road begins to shift northward , and three miles ( 4 @. 8 km ) later , Route 16 crosses over Sugar Creek . At Wyanconda River , the route begins to shift back southward , and enters the city limits of Canton . The route intersects Route 81 , and later intersects US 61 at a diamond interchange . The road enters downtown Canton , and ends at a junction with Route B and US 61 Business . The river crossing lies east of the terminus . In 2012 , Missouri Department of Transportation ( MoDOT ) calculated as many as 1 @, 160 vehicles traveling east of Route 6 , and as few as 1 @, 054 vehicles traveling east of Route A. This is expressed in terms of annual average daily traffic ( AADT ) , a measure of traffic volume for any average day of the year . Route 16 is not included as a part of the National Highway System ( NHS ) , a network of highways identified as being most important for the economy , mobility and defense of the nation .

## = History =

A road from Lewistown to Canton has existed since 1918 , and it became part of Route 6 by 1926 . A section of a road from Monticello to Lewiston was paved in gravel two years later . In 1931 , Route 6 was re @-@ aligned south of Canton , and the former alignment was designated as Route 96 . The next year , Route 96 was fully paved in gravel . The route was renumbered to Route 16 in 1941 , and was fully paved in concrete by 1942 . In 1977 , US 61 was realigned west of Canton , and the old route became Route B. Around 1989 ? 90 , US 61 Business was designated , concurrent with Route B through Canton . An interchange was built at US 61 and Route 16 around 2001 ? 02 .

## = Major intersections =

The entire route is in Lewis County .