

## = Mississippi Highway 602 =

Mississippi Highway 602 ( MS 602 ) was a highway in southern Mississippi . Its southern terminus was at MS 43 , which is now inside the John C. Stennis Space Center . The road traveled a slightly curved route to its northern terminus at U.S. Route 11 ( US 11 ) and MS 43 in Picayune . MS 602 was designated in 1958 , only in Pearl River County . The route was extended south into Hancock County two years later . MS 602 was then removed from the state highway system in 1967 , less than a decade after it was designated .

## = = Route description = =

As of 1965 , the route was located in northwestern Hancock and southern Pearl River counties . MS 602 started at MS 43 , where which is now part of the Stennis Space Center . The road , known as Flat Top Road , traveled northeast through the dense forest . About two miles ( 3 @. @ 2 km ) north of the southern terminus , MS 602 intersected Texas Flat Road . The road then crossed over Dead Tiger Creek , and shifted back slightly to the west . MS 602 crossed Stall and Everett Branches before turning northwest . It intersected Lott McCarty Road before entering Pearl River County . The route turned west shortly inside the county , traveling toward Picayune . A short section of the former route is now part of MS 43 . As MS 602 entered Picayune , it became East Canal Street . The route ended at US 11 , next to a railroad track . The road continued as West Canal Street . The road was maintained by the Mississippi State Highway Commission and Hancock County , as part of the state highway system .

## = = History = =

MS 602 first appeared in maps in 1958 , connecting from MS 43 and US 11 in Picayune , to the Pearl River ? Hancock county line . The route was fully paved at that time . Two years later , MS 602 was extended into Hancock County , connecting back to MS 43 . The section was maintained by the county . The Stennis Space Center was built on a section of the route in 1965 , and by 1967 , the route was removed from the state highway system . MS 43 was rerouted onto a part of MS 602 , bypassing the space center .

## = = Major intersections = =

The route is documented as it existed in 1965 .