

= Mississippi Highway 444 =

Mississippi Highway 444 (MS 444) is a short highway in western Mississippi . Its western terminus is at MS 1 , and travels eastward through six miles (9 @. @ 7 km) of farmland . The route enters Duncan , and ends at U.S. Route 61 (US 61) and US 278 , its eastern terminus . MS 444 was designated in 1958 , and became paved two years later .

= = Route description = =

All of the road is located in northern Bolivar County . In 2012 , Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) calculated as many as 750 vehicles traveling west of US 61 / US 278 , and as few as 330 vehicles traveling east of MS 1 . MS 444 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 . MS 444 is legally defined in Mississippi Code § 65 @-@ 3 @-@ 3 . MS 444 is maintained by MDOT .

MS 444 starts at a T @-@ intersection with MS 1 and travels eastward . The route travels through farmland in a straight line . MS 444 intersects Caston Road , a dirt road that also leads to Duncan . MS 444 continues east , intersecting minor dirt roads . East of Yates Road , the road enters a small area of trees , before re @-@ entering to more farmland . The route curves slightly to the southeast about one mile (1 @. @ 6 km) later , at Sandy Ridge Road . MS 444 soon crosses the Hushpuckena River , and enters into Duncan . Near the center of Duncan , the route intersects the old alignment of US 61 . The road continues east and ends at a T @-@ intersection with US 61 .

= = History = =

MS 444 was designated in 1958 , as an unpaved road from MS 1 to US 61 . The route became paved by 1960 . In 1967 , US 61 was rerouted to its east , no longer passing through Duncan . By 1999 , US 278 was designated , concurrent with US 61 through MS 444 's eastern terminus .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Bolivar County .