

= K @-@ 26 ( Kansas highway ) =

K @-@ 26 is a 3 @. @ 601 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 5 @. @ 795 km ) state highway located entirely within Cherokee County , Kansas . It runs from an intersection with U.S. Route 166 ( US @-@ 166 ) and US @-@ 400 northwest of the Missouri / Kansas / Oklahoma tripoint north to K @-@ 66 in Galena . The highway is maintained by the Kansas Department of Transportation ( KDOT ) .

The route was designated in 1937 on a roadway that ran from Crestline to the Missouri state line , but was moved to its current location via a series of route re @-@ designations that took place over the following decades , assuming its current route in the mid @-@ 1980s .

= = Route description = =

K @-@ 26 begins at an intersection with US @-@ 166 and US @-@ 40 east of Baxter Springs . The roadway heads north through a wooded area , passing several farms . The route then crosses Shoal Creek and enters the city of Galena as Main Street . In Galena , K @-@ 26 reaches its northern terminus at K @-@ 66 , which is also known as 7th Street . Main Street continues north of the intersection toward a BNSF Railway line .

The route is maintained by KDOT , which is responsible for constructing and maintaining highways in the state . As part of this role , KDOT regularly surveys traffic on their highways . These surveys are most often presented in the form of annual average daily traffic , which is a measurement of the number of vehicles that use a highway during an average day of the year . In 2010 , KDOT calculated that a total of 3230 vehicles used the road daily , including 225 trucks . No part of the highway has been listed as part of the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the nation 's defense , mobility , and economy .

= = History = =

K @-@ 26 was first designated in 1937 over the former eastern segment of K @-@ 34 , a gravel road that ran from K @-@ 96 and US @-@ 69 in Crestline east to the Missouri state line . In 1941 , K @-@ 26 and the easternmost portion of K @-@ 96 switch designations . After this , K @-@ 26 ran from US @-@ 66 west of Galena north to K @-@ 96 and US @-@ 69 . This roadway was paved when K @-@ 26 was designated along it . Between 1948 and 1953 , the highway was extended east along US @-@ 66 to Galena and south from there to its current southern terminus at US @-@ 166 . In the mid @-@ 1980s when US @-@ 66 was decommissioned , the portion of K @-@ 26 along it was re @-@ signed as K @-@ 66 and the portion of the highway from US @-@ 66 to Crestline was designated as part of U.S. Route 69 Alternate ( US @-@ 69 Alt ) .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Cherokee County .