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 The distance between the IL 53 route (green/red) and the I-55 route (orange) has been compressed to fit both alignments on the map. Actual distance at this point is 6 miles.

Note on Alignments:
 US 66 followed IL 59 beginning in 1939 (orange), and the green/red route became Alt. US 66. The 4-lane (blue), which followed the path of future I-55, was nearing completion in 1956. It merged with the 1939 route at Shorewood.

The 1940s project to expand IL 53 (right) to 4 lanes toward Wilmington began with the path of the original 2-lane (green/red) in the middle and ended with it aligning with the westbound lanes. The 4-lane is color coded as an Alt. route (turquoise) since it is a re-engineered pathway from the red/green route, which was mainline US 66 prior to becoming an Alt. route in 1939.