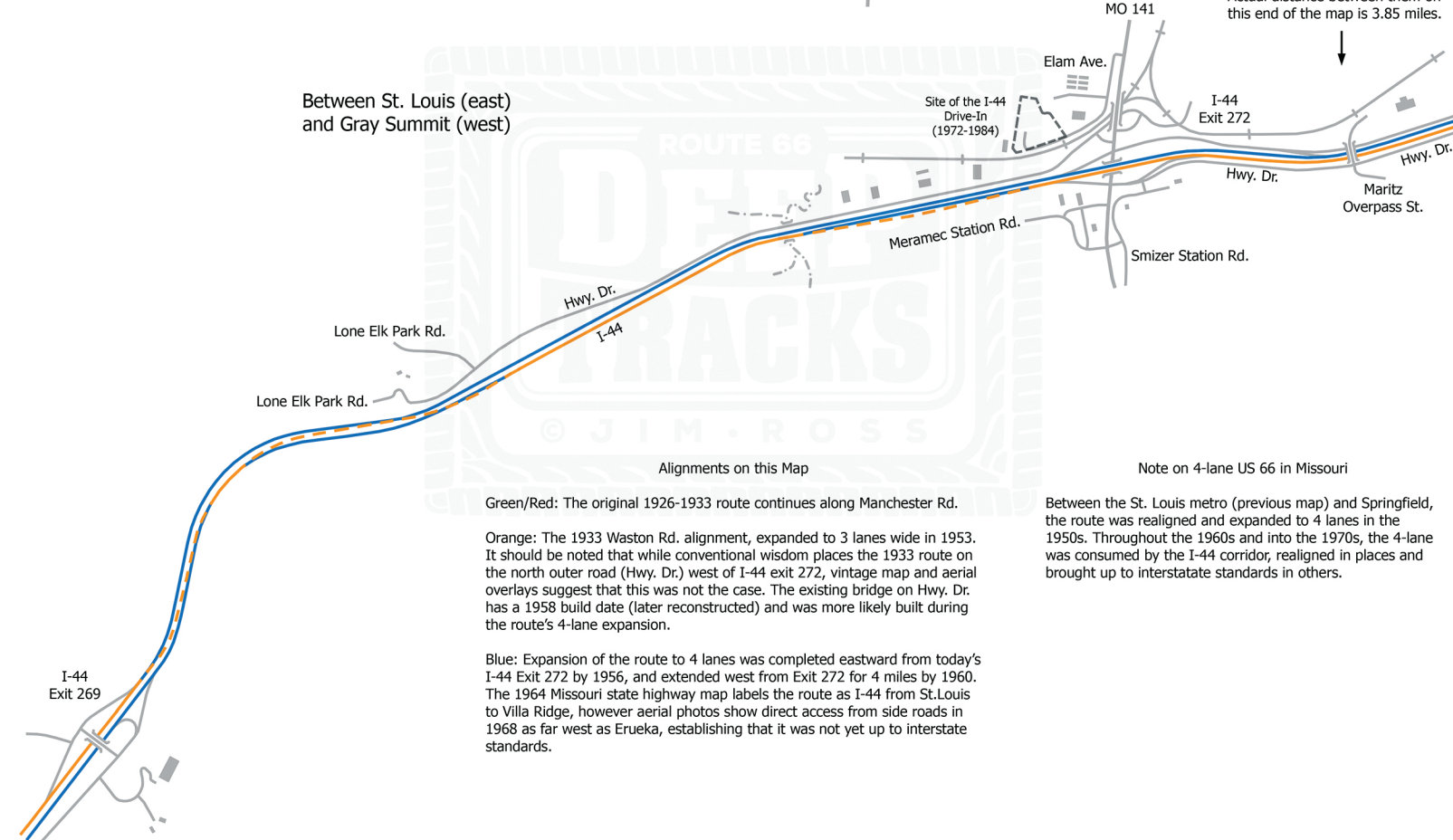


Note:
The distance between the red/green and orange routes was compressed to fit both on the map. Actual distance between them on this end of the map is 3.85 miles.

Between St. Louis (east) and Gray Summit (west)



Alignments on this Map

- Green/Red: The original 1926-1933 route continues along Manchester Rd.
- Orange: The 1933 Waston Rd. alignment, expanded to 3 lanes wide in 1953. It should be noted that while conventional wisdom places the 1933 route on the north outer road (Hwy. Dr.) west of I-44 exit 272, vintage map and aerial overlays suggest that this was not the case. The existing bridge on Hwy. Dr. has a 1958 build date (later reconstructed) and was more likely built during the route's 4-lane expansion.
- Blue: Expansion of the route to 4 lanes was completed eastward from today's I-44 Exit 272 by 1956, and extended west from Exit 272 for 4 miles by 1960. The 1964 Missouri state highway map labels the route as I-44 from St. Louis to Villa Ridge, however aerial photos show direct access from side roads in 1968 as far west as Erueka, establishing that it was not yet up to interstate standards.

Note on 4-lane US 66 in Missouri

Between the St. Louis metro (previous map) and Springfield, the route was realigned and expanded to 4 lanes in the 1950s. Throughout the 1960s and into the 1970s, the 4-lane was consumed by the I-44 corridor, realigned in places and brought up to interstate standards in others.