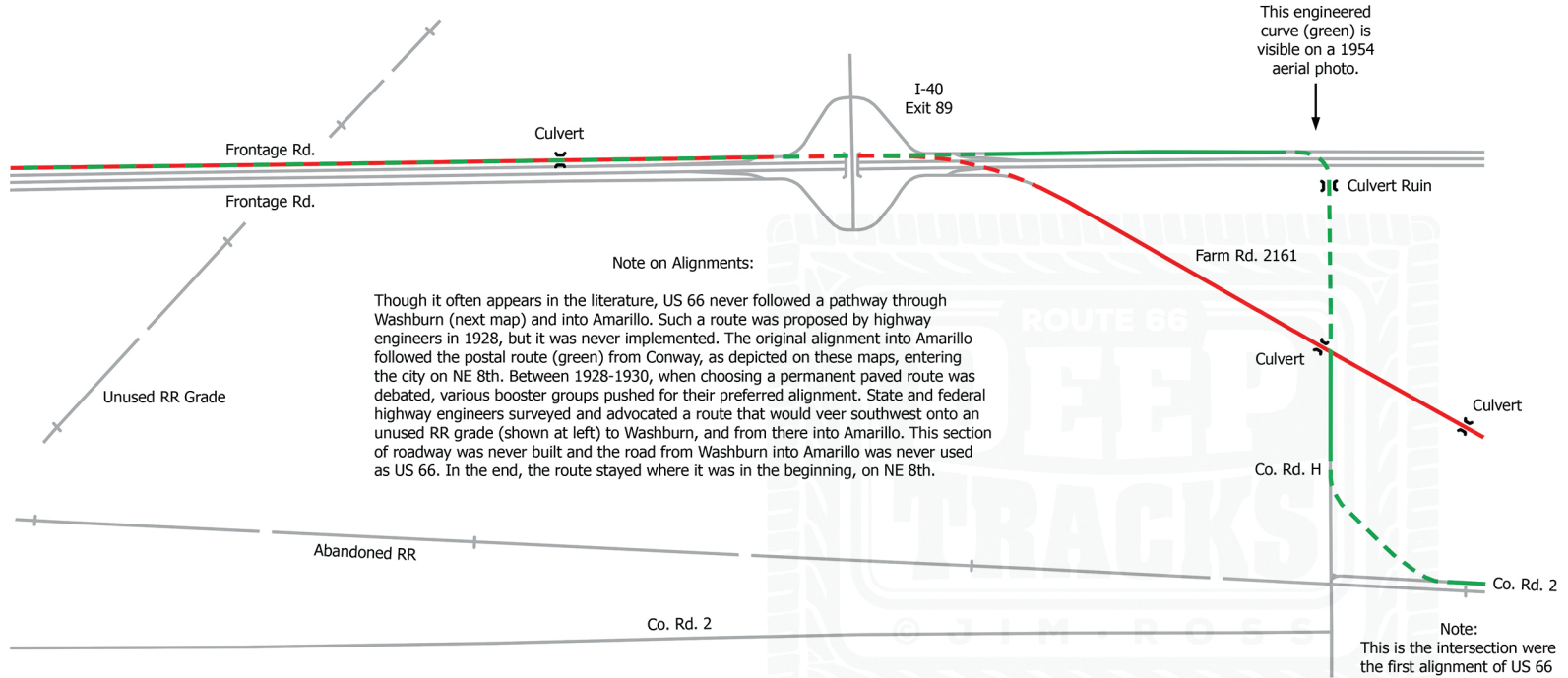


Between Groom (east)
and Amarillo (west)



Right: View is eastward at the culvert ruin and elevated roadway on the green route.

Left: 1962 aerial photo showing the curve and the location of the culvert.



Note on Alignments:

Though it often appears in the literature, US 66 never followed a pathway through Washburn (next map) and into Amarillo. Such a route was proposed by highway engineers in 1928, but it was never implemented. The original alignment into Amarillo followed the postal route (green) from Conway, as depicted on these maps, entering the city on NE 8th. Between 1928-1930, when choosing a permanent paved route was debated, various booster groups pushed for their preferred alignment. State and federal highway engineers surveyed and advocated a route that would veer southwest onto an unused RR grade (shown at left) to Washburn, and from there into Amarillo. This section of roadway was never built and the road from Washburn into Amarillo was never used as US 66. In the end, the route stayed where it was in the beginning, on NE 8th.

This engineered curve (green) is visible on a 1954 aerial photo.

Note:
This is the intersection where the first alignment of US 66 parted company with the 1926 Bluebook route (gray), which continued west along Co. Rd. 2.