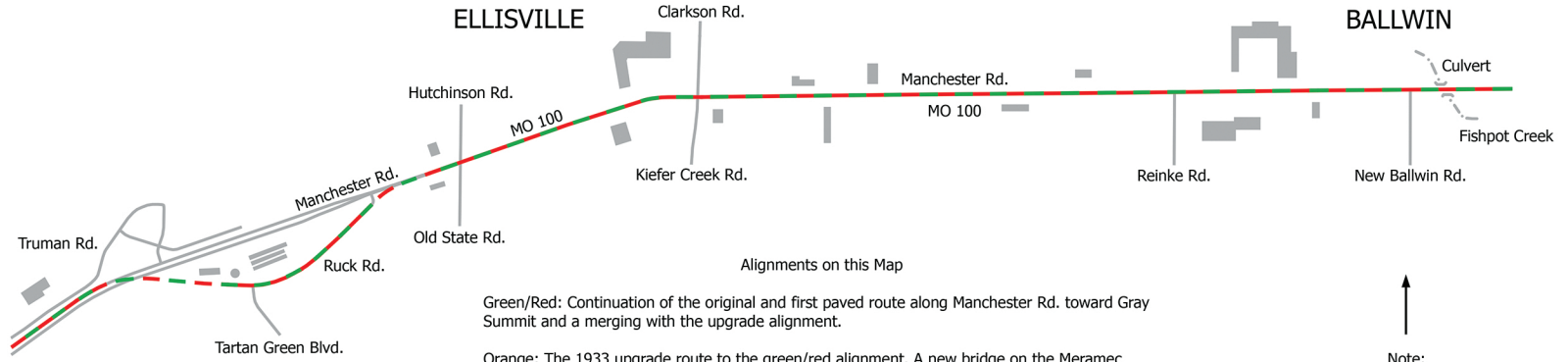


Between St. Louis (east)
and Gray Summit (west)



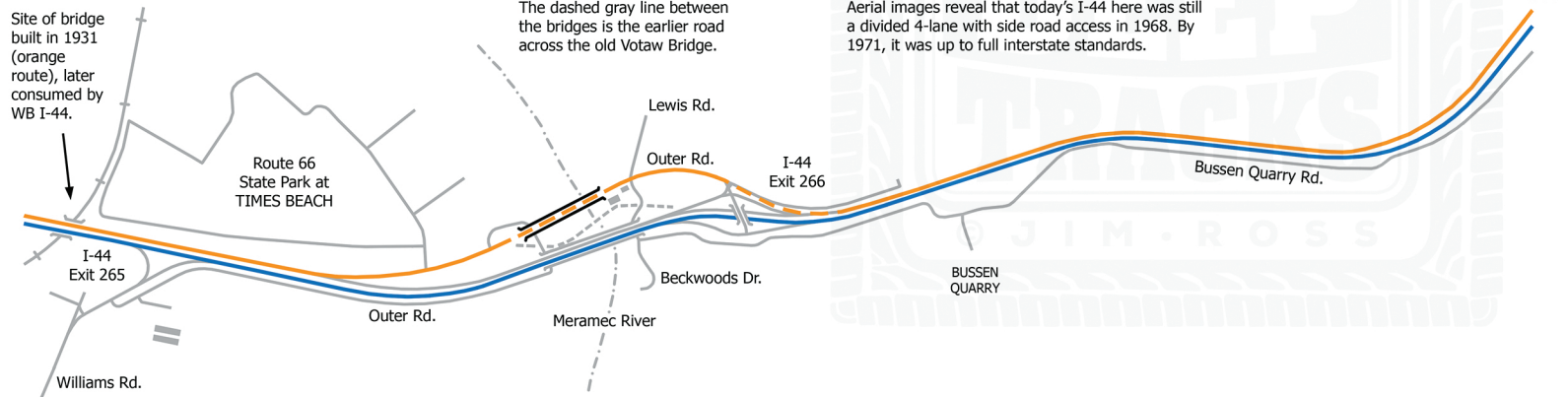
Alignments on this Map

Green/Red: Continuation of the original and first paved route along Manchester Rd. toward Gray Summit and a merging with the upgrade alignment.

Orange: The 1933 upgrade route to the green/red alignment. A new bridge on the Meramec River that same year replaced the Votaw Bridge, which had been built in 1900 at what was then known as the "Votaw Ford." The orange route was expanded to 3 lanes in the 1940s, and by 1963 to a divided 4-lane, with the westbound lanes using the orange route across the Times Beach Bridge and the eastbound lanes crossing a new bridge where EB I-44 is today (blue). Between 1968 and 1971, the Times Beach Bridge was bypassed when new lanes and a new river bridge for WB I-44 were built (gray alongside blue) from Exit 266 westbound to a point of merging with the orange route. The WB I-44 bypass of the Times Beach Bridge is not color coded because it was built for the interstate.

Blue: Lanes added for a divided 4-lane in the early 1960s along the path of what would become eastbound I-44.

Note:
The distance between the green/red and orange routes was compressed to fit both on the map. Actual distance between them on this end of the map is 5.6 miles.



Site of bridge built in 1931 (orange route), later consumed by WB I-44.

Note:
The dashed gray line between the bridges is the earlier road across the old Votaw Bridge.

Note:
Aerial images reveal that today's I-44 here was still a divided 4-lane with side road access in 1968. By 1971, it was up to full interstate standards.