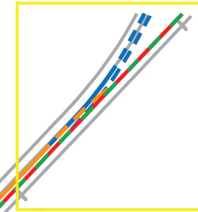


Note:  
 The all-new 4-lane (blue) merges with the existing alignments south of Gardner in 1956 (orange & green/red). See detail map at left. The 4-lane expansion was under construction in 1956, as shown on aerial photographs. A 1974 aerial shows that the adjusted alignment for I-55 is not yet built in the area of this map.

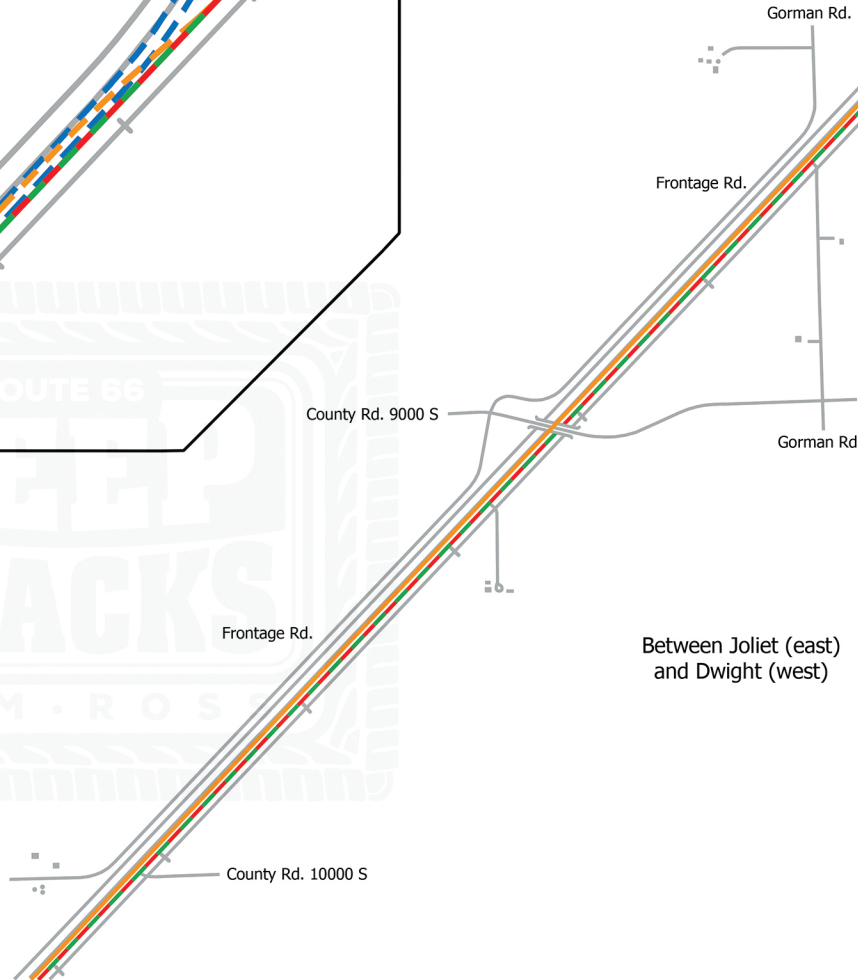
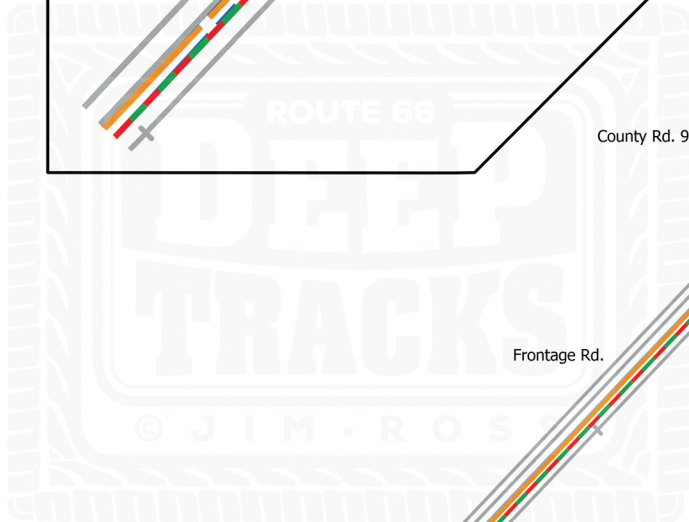


**Note on Alignments:**

The orange route was built in the early 1940s as an upgrade to the original 2-lane route (green/red) westward from Gardner (previous map). Once completed, the green/red roadbed was excavated for reconstruction, which was completed in the 1950s to create a 4-lane highway. The reconstruction can be seen on vintage aerial photographs.

Bridges on the EB half of the 4-lane in the area have build dates of 1954, and the roadway appears to be in place in 1956.

As seen on the inset map, the westbound half of the 4-lane (orange) is partially offset from future EB I-55. After interstate completion, the red/green route remained in place as a frontage road.



Between Joliet (east)  
 and Dwight (west)