

Between Catoosa (east) and Sapulpa (west)

Alignments on this Map

Green: Original route, paved in 1922-1924.

Red: 1951 2-lane bypass of the green route from Oakhurst to Sapulpa (Map 31).

Orange: Lanes added to (and altering) the red route to connect with the Turner Turnpike when it opened in 1953.

I-44 and Turner Turnpike: In 1959, US 66 moved onto I-44 through Tulsa from Catoosa in the east to the junction with today's I-244 (this map). Because it was designated an interstate prior to completion in 1958, it is not color coded. The 11th St. and Southwest Blvd. alignment then became Bus. US 66 until 1973, beginning at 11th St. and I-44 in east Tulsa (Map 25) and ending where the red & orange routes meet I-44 (this map).

When the Turner Turnpike opened in 1953, eastbound motorists leaving the toll road could stay with US 66 onto Southwest Blvd. and downtown Tulsa, or access the emerging Skelly Dr. (I-44) bypass to reach other points in the Tulsa metro (it had been completed east as far as the Arkansas River at the time, about 3 miles.) Westbound US 66 traffic leaving Tulsa could exit left just before the turnpike entrance (arrow) to avoid the toll road and continue on US 66 to Sapulpa. Eastbound US 66 traffic from Sapulpa (red) simply stayed straight ahead. The turnpike never carried US 66 traffic.

