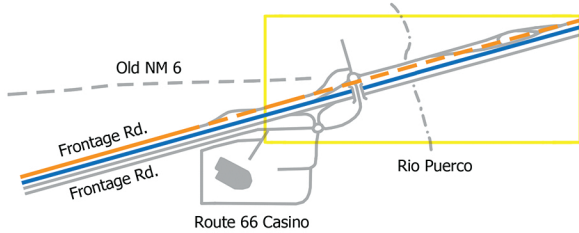
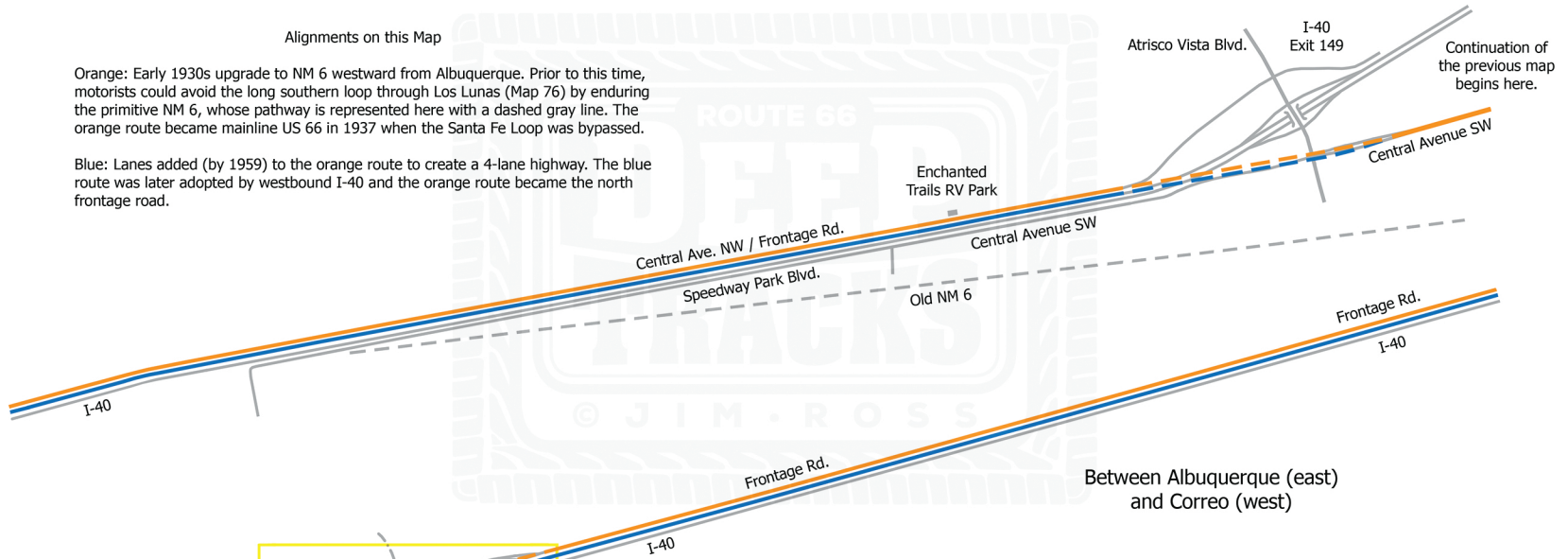


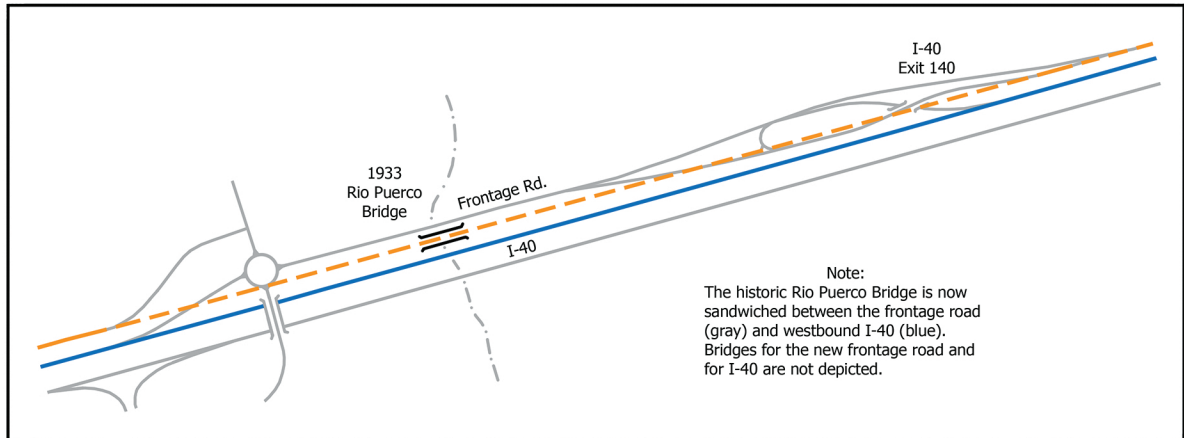
Alignments on this Map

Orange: Early 1930s upgrade to NM 6 westward from Albuquerque. Prior to this time, motorists could avoid the long southern loop through Los Lunas (Map 76) by enduring the primitive NM 6, whose pathway is represented here with a dashed gray line. The orange route became mainline US 66 in 1937 when the Santa Fe Loop was bypassed.

Blue: Lanes added (by 1959) to the orange route to create a 4-lane highway. The blue route was later adopted by westbound I-40 and the orange route became the north frontage road.



Eastbound views of the Rio Puerco Bridge upon completion in 1933 (L) and as westbound 4-lane US 66 in the 1950s (R).  
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Note:  
The historic Rio Puerco Bridge is now sandwiched between the frontage road (gray) and westbound I-40 (blue).  
Bridges for the new frontage road and for I-40 are not depicted.