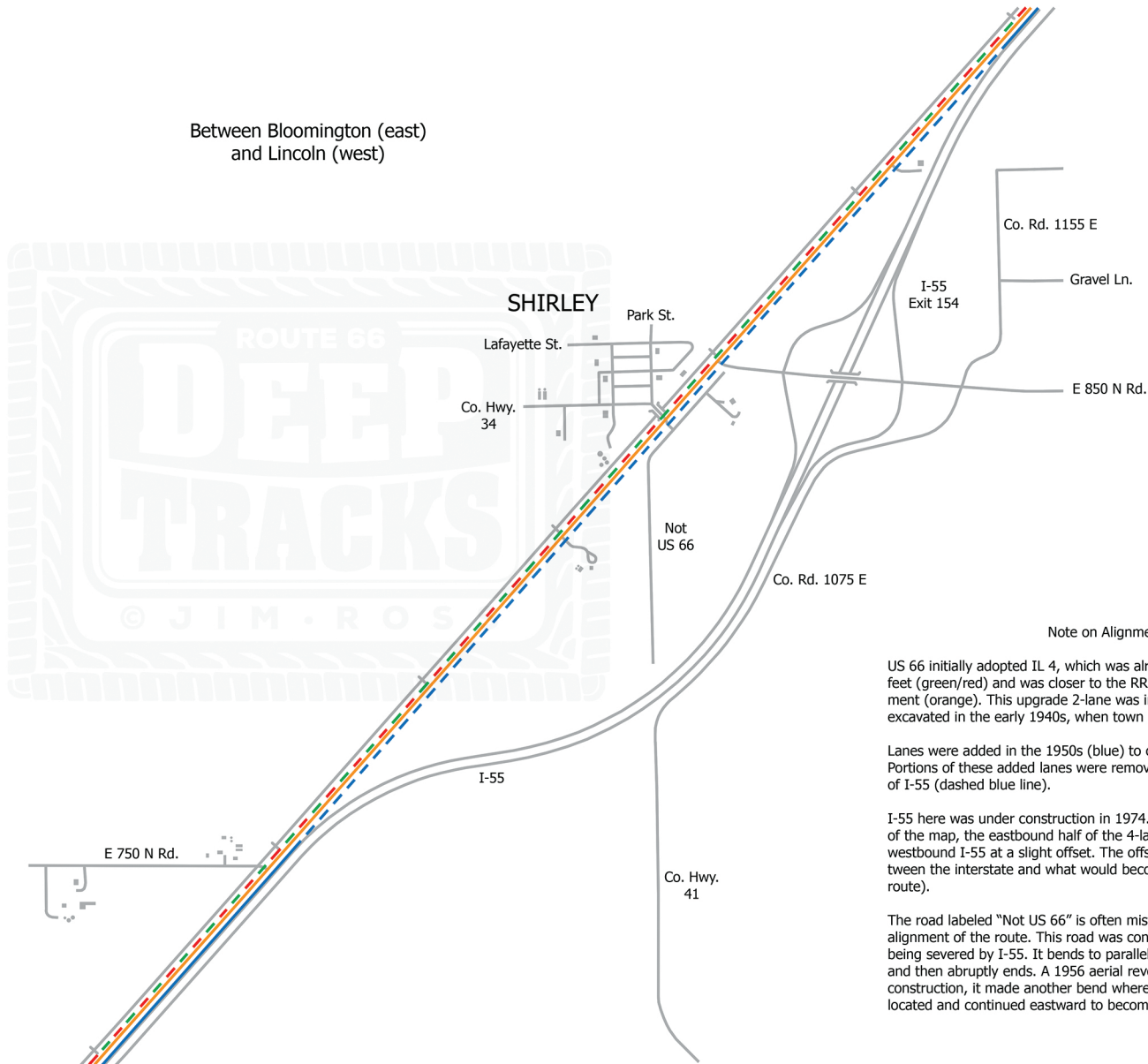


Between Bloomington (east)
and Lincoln (west)



Note on Alignments:

US 66 initially adopted IL 4, which was already paved to a width of 16 feet (green/red) and was closer to the RR than its replacement alignment (orange). This upgrade 2-lane was in place and the old roadbed excavated in the early 1940s, when town bypasses were implemented.

Lanes were added in the 1950s (blue) to create a 4-lane highway. Portions of these added lanes were removed subsequent to completion of I-55 (dashed blue line).

I-55 here was under construction in 1974. At both the top and bottom of the map, the eastbound half of the 4-lane (blue) was adopted by westbound I-55 at a slight offset. The offset created more distance between the interstate and what would become its service road (orange route).

The road labeled "Not US 66" is often mistaken for an early paved alignment of the route. This road was connected to Co. Hwy. 41 before being severed by I-55. It bends to parallel the orange route at Shirley and then abruptly ends. A 1956 aerial reveals that prior to I-55 construction, it made another bend where the interstate crossover is located and continued eastward to become E 850 N. Rd.