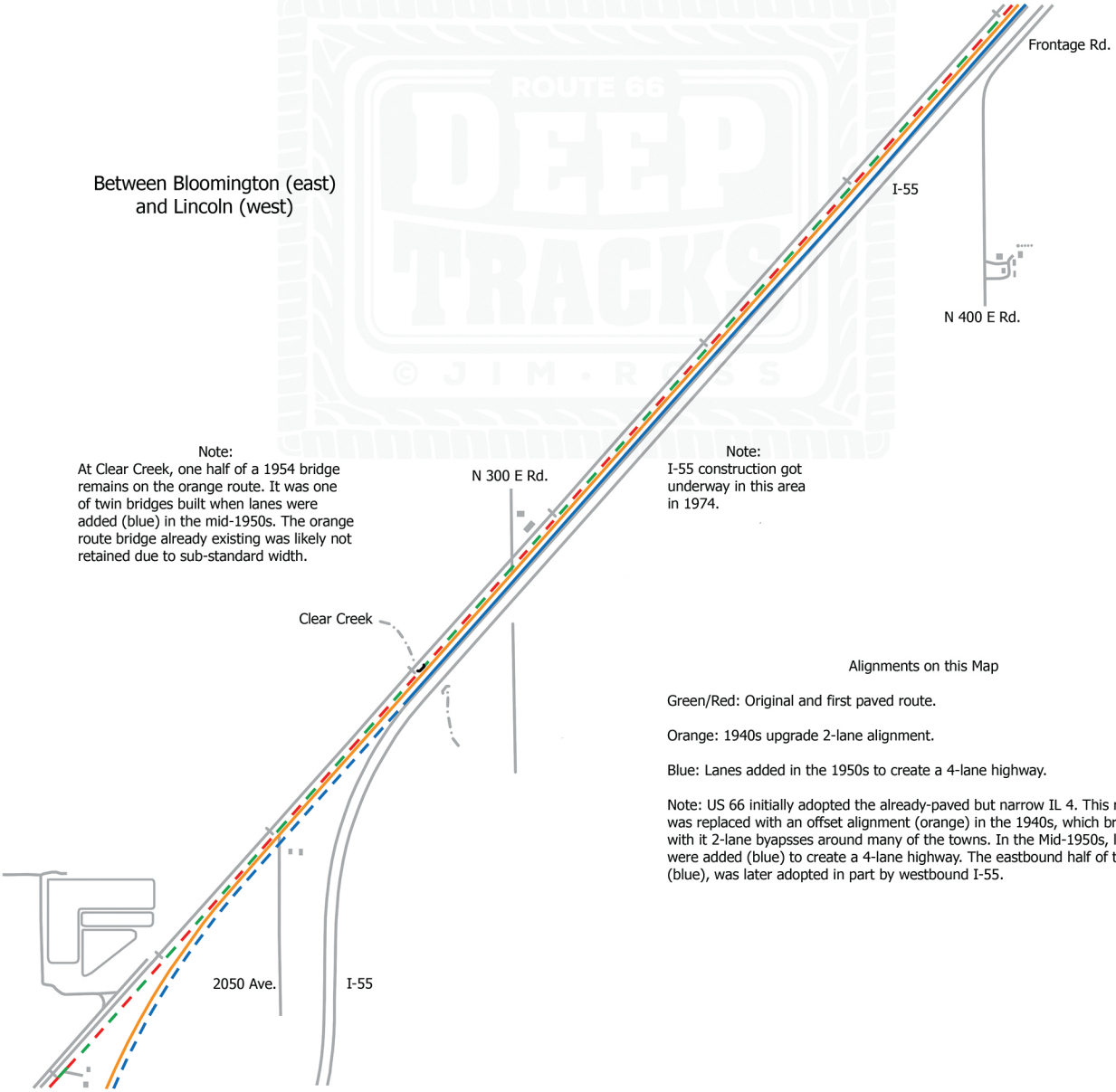
Between Bloomington (east)
and Lincoln (west)



Note:
At Clear Creek, one half of a 1954 bridge remains on the orange route. It was one of twin bridges built when lanes were added (blue) in the mid-1950s. The orange route bridge already existing was likely not retained due to sub-standard width.

Note:
I-55 construction got underway in this area in 1974.

Alignments on this Map

Green/Red: Original and first paved route.

Orange: 1940s upgrade 2-lane alignment.

Blue: Lanes added in the 1950s to create a 4-lane highway.

Note: US 66 initially adopted the already-paved but narrow IL 4. This roadbed was replaced with an offset alignment (orange) in the 1940s, which brought with it 2-lane byapsses around many of the towns. In the Mid-1950s, lanes were added (blue) to create a 4-lane highway. The eastbound half of the 4-lane (blue), was later adopted in part by westbound I-55.

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