



Historic US 66 Bypass / Dirksen Pkwy.

Alignments on this Map

1926 (Green/Red): 9th St., Enos Ave., 6th St., Capitol Ave., 2nd St., S. Grand Ave., and McArthur Blvd. Note that from its junction with Capitol Ave., this route assumes the path of the 1926-1930 Temporary route to a point south of Staunton (Map 84). Unlike detours, which require no official approval and are generally short in both distance and duration, a Temporary route is an officially designated alignment.

Note: Because the green/red route from Springfield to Staunton existed for 4 years and carried traffic as both the original and first paved alignment, a single exception will be made where a Temporary route is not color coded turquoise (as defined in the Deep Tracks Introduction).

1930 (Orange): Route continues S. on 6th St. from Capitol Ave., bypassing the original IL 4 alignment.

1932 (Blue): From Enos, US 66 stays with 9th to S. Grand, then west on S. Grand to 6th St.

1942 (Magenta): Initially designated "Bypass 66." By the end of the decade it is the mainline route, with the downtown route redesignated as "City" 66.

1949 (Turquoise): The downtown route, as "City" 66, continues on 9th St. at S. Grand to Spruce and Myrtle (one-way in opposite directions) when 6th St. becomes one-way northbound and 5th St. one-way southbound. Today, 9th no longer goes through between Spruce and Myrtle, and they are no longer one-way streets.

Site of the Springfield Drive-In Theater (1947-1983)

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