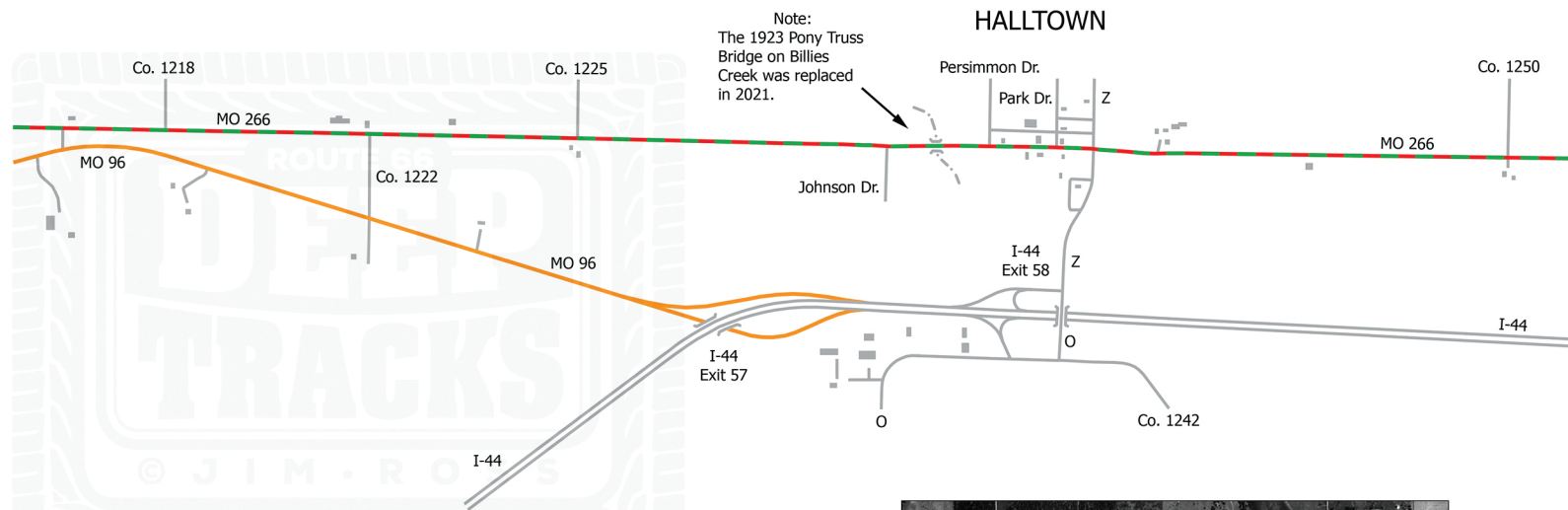


Between Springfield (east)  
and Avilla (west)



Alignments on this Map

Green/Red: Original and first paved route.

Orange: Early 1960s upgrade 2-lane US 66. Since US 66 signage had by then moved onto I-44 eastward from this point, the orange route linked to the interstate. Both the green/red and orange routes here could access each other using connector roads.

I-44: In place as far as Exit 57 by 1962, and brought up to interstate standards by 1964. On the 1962 state highway map, US 66 signage has been removed from the original alignment. I-44 is not color coded because it was not a US 66 project and did not involve an existing US 66 alignment.



1964 aerial view of I-44 Exit 57, which connected with the upgrade alignment of US 66 (orange on map). To the east, US 66 signage was moved onto the interstate. Continuing westward, I-44 would be extended by 1968 but would not carry US 66 traffic, which remained on today's MO 96 to Joplin.