

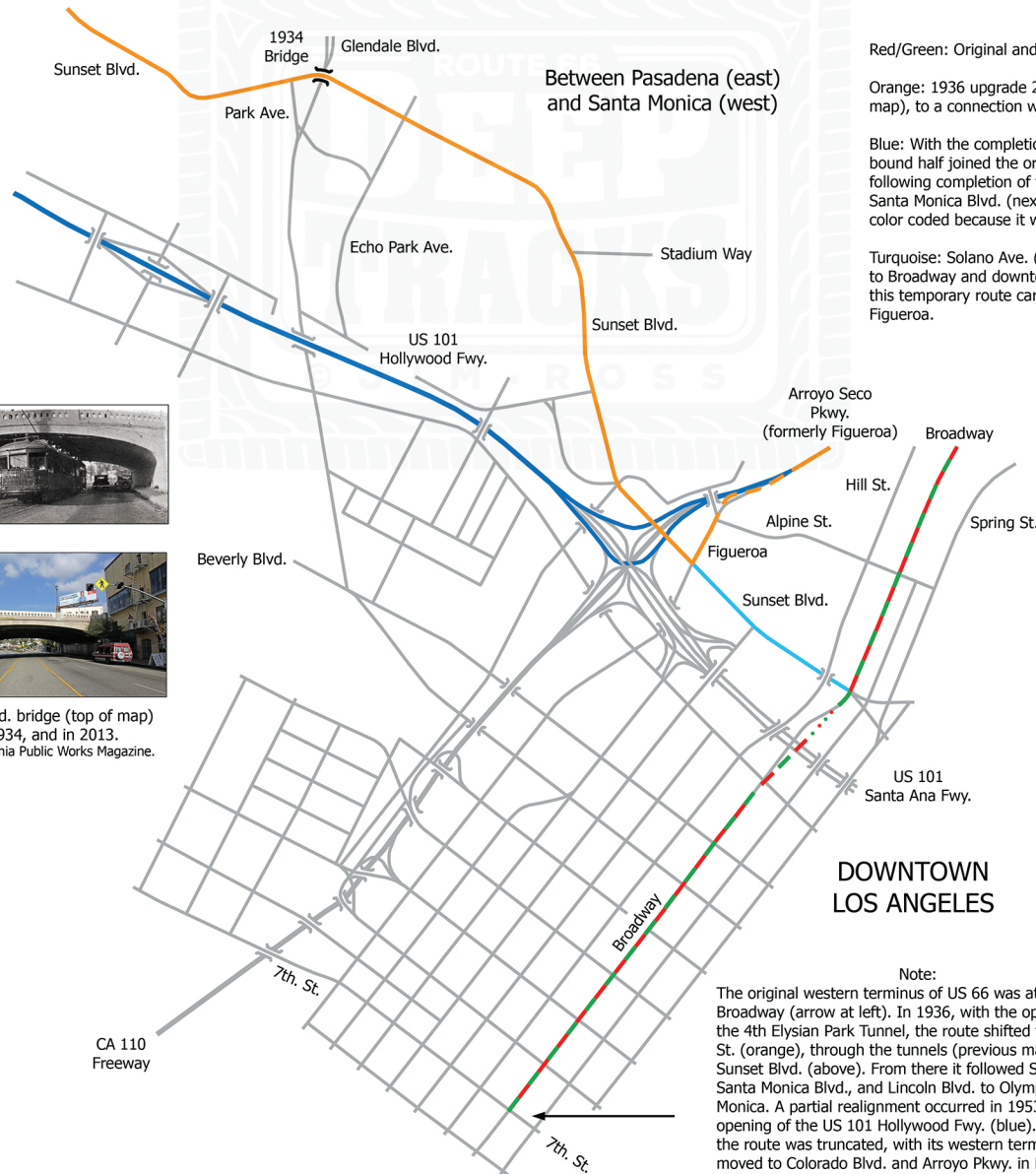
Alignments on this Map

Red/Green: Original and first paved route 1926-1936.

Orange: 1936 upgrade 2-lane alignment coming from the Elysian Park tunnels (previous map), to a connection with Sunset Blvd.

Blue: With the completion of the Arroyo Seco Pkwy. extension in 1943, the new west-bound half joined the orange route to Sunset Blvd. In 1953, the route was revised (blue) following completion of the Hollywood Fwy., bypassing the orange alignment as far as Santa Monica Blvd. (next map.) Even though it was built as a limited access freeway, it is color coded because it was built as a US highway and not an interstate highway.

Turquoise: Solano Ave. (previous map) was used from Jan.-Aug. 1936 to connect traffic to Broadway and downtown L.A. as work was completed on tunnel #4. At Sunset Blvd. this temporary route carried traffic back to the orange route between Broadway and Figueroa.



The Sunset Blvd. bridge (top of map) when new in 1934, and in 2013.
Top Photo: California Public Works Magazine.



The Broadway tunnel (green/red dots on map at left). This view is at the north end looking south. The tunnel was removed in 1949. Unsourced Photo.

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Note:
The original western terminus of US 66 was at 7th and Broadway (arrow at left). In 1936, with the opening of the 4th Elysian Park Tunnel, the route shifted to Figueroa St. (orange), through the tunnels (previous map) to Sunset Blvd. (above). From there it followed Sunset, Santa Monica Blvd., and Lincoln Blvd. to Olympic in Santa Monica. A partial realignment occurred in 1953 with the opening of the US 101 Hollywood Fwy. (blue). In 1964, the route was truncated, with its western terminus moved to Colorado Blvd. and Arroyo Pkwy. in Pasadena (Map 85).

Note:

Researcher Ian Bowen has found evidence, though inconclusive, of a possible early mainline route that continued west on Colorado Blvd. to Eagle Rock (Map 85) and then south on Eagle Rock into L.A. via Fletcher Dr., Glendale Blvd., Rowena Ave., Hyperion Ave., Fountain Ave., Myra Ave., and through the Sunset Blvd. underpass to Santa Monica Blvd. (not mapped). If and when this is confirmed, changes to the affected maps may be made.