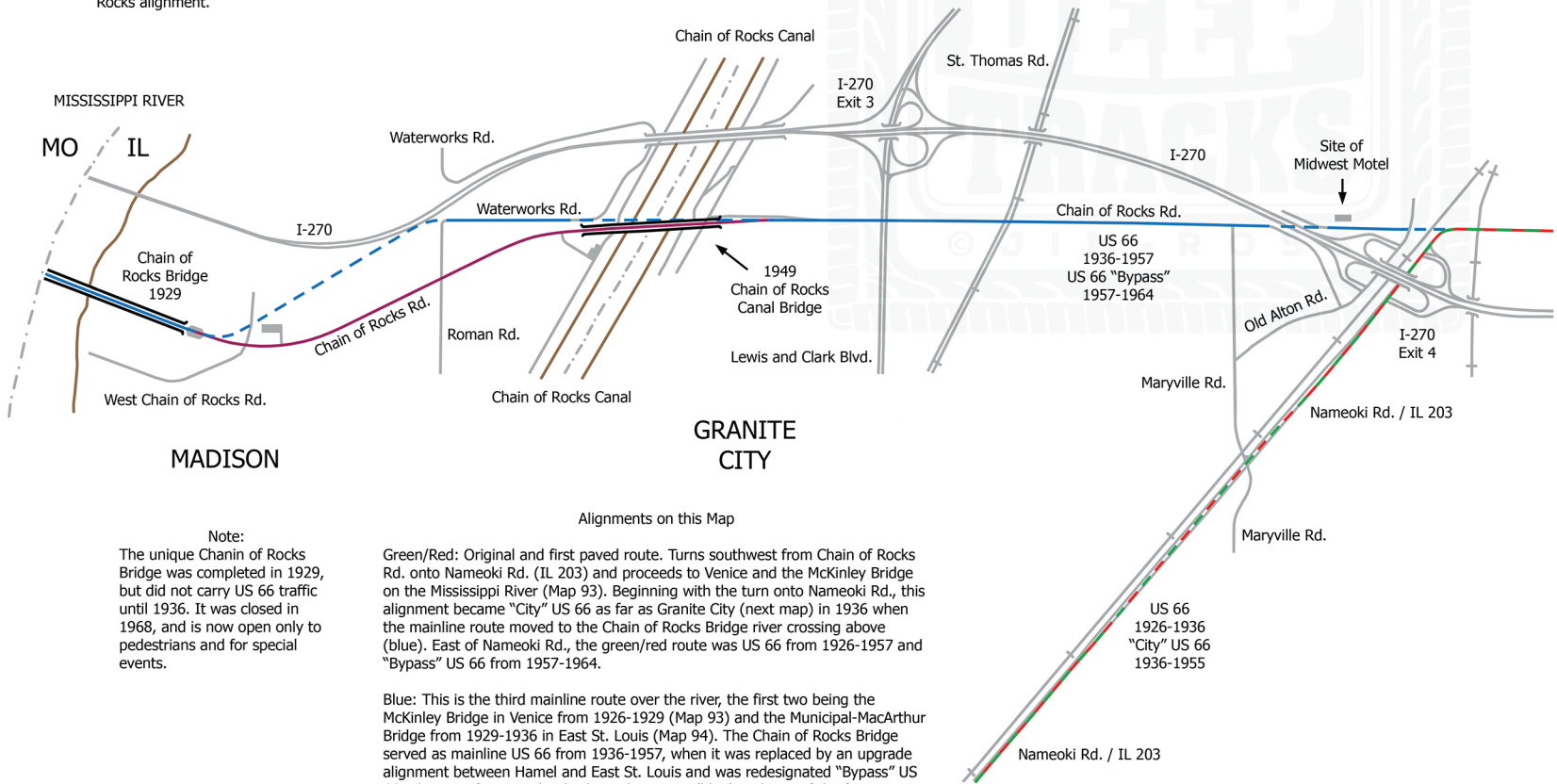


Note:  
The width of the Mississippi River has been compressed to fit on the map. At this point it is approximately 6/10ths of a mile wide. The Chain of Rocks Bridge, which extends inland on both sides of the river and features a bend in the middle, is just over 1 mile long. This ends the mapping in Illinois for the Chain of Rocks alignment.

Between Hamel (east)  
and East St. Louis (west)



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Alignments on this Map

Note:  
The unique Chain of Rocks Bridge was completed in 1929, but did not carry US 66 traffic until 1936. It was closed in 1968, and is now open only to pedestrians and for special events.

Green/Red: Original and first paved route. Turns southwest from Chain of Rocks Rd. onto Nameoki Rd. (IL 203) and proceeds to Venice and the McKinley Bridge on the Mississippi River (Map 93). Beginning with the turn onto Nameoki Rd., this alignment became "City" US 66 as far as Granite City (next map) in 1936 when the mainline route moved to the Chain of Rocks Bridge river crossing above (blue). East of Nameoki Rd., the green/red route was US 66 from 1926-1957 and "Bypass" US 66 from 1957-1964.

Blue: This is the third mainline route over the river, the first two being the McKinley Bridge in Venice from 1926-1929 (Map 93) and the Municipal-MacArthur Bridge from 1929-1936 in East St. Louis (Map 94). The Chain of Rocks Bridge served as mainline US 66 from 1936-1957, when it was replaced by an upgrade alignment between Hamel and East St. Louis and was redesignated "Bypass" US 66. This map features the third mainline route (blue) and part of the first (green/red). The second and fourth routes are shown on Map 94.

Magenta: A short realignment to the blue route occurred when the Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge was built in 1949. The canal project bypassed the dangerous rock ledges impeding river traffic on the Mississippi. Prior to this, the blue route crossed the "Chouteau Slough" (dashed blue line across the canal) by way of an earthen causeway. The canal opened in 1953. The lofty and massive 1949 canal bridge was rehabbed in 1999.

US 66  
1926-1936  
"City" US 66  
1936-1955

US 66  
1936-1957  
US 66 "Bypass"  
1957-1964