

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

Alignments on this Map

Green/Red: 1926-1929 original and first paved route following Nameoki Rd. and Madison Ave. through Granite City to the McKinley Bridge over the Mississippi River in Venice (next map).

Note: A 1927 AAA Tour Book shows the original route turning right from Madison at 30th to Grand Ave., then to 18th St. (next map), then right again to State St., and then left on State to Broadway and the McKinley Bridge, but this was likely a detour during a construction period.

Turquoise: In 1929, mainline US 66 (green/red) moved from the McKinley Bridge river crossing (next map) to the Municipal/MacArthur Bridge in East St. Louis (Map 94). The McKinley Bridge crossing was then redesignated "Optional" US 66. In 1936, the route moved again, this time from East St. Louis to the Chain of Rocks Bridge (previous map). At that time, the existing mainline through Granite City and the "Optional" route at the McKinley Bridge were removed and "City" US 66 was established, following the original route (green/red) as far as Madison Ave. (this map), and then adopting IL 203 to East St. Louis.

