

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

Note:

This map resumes following the 4-lane route that began at Hamel (Map 85) and left off just south of Edwardsville (Map 89). Mapping of this route will now continue to East St. Louis and the MLK-Veterans Bridge on the Mississippi River.

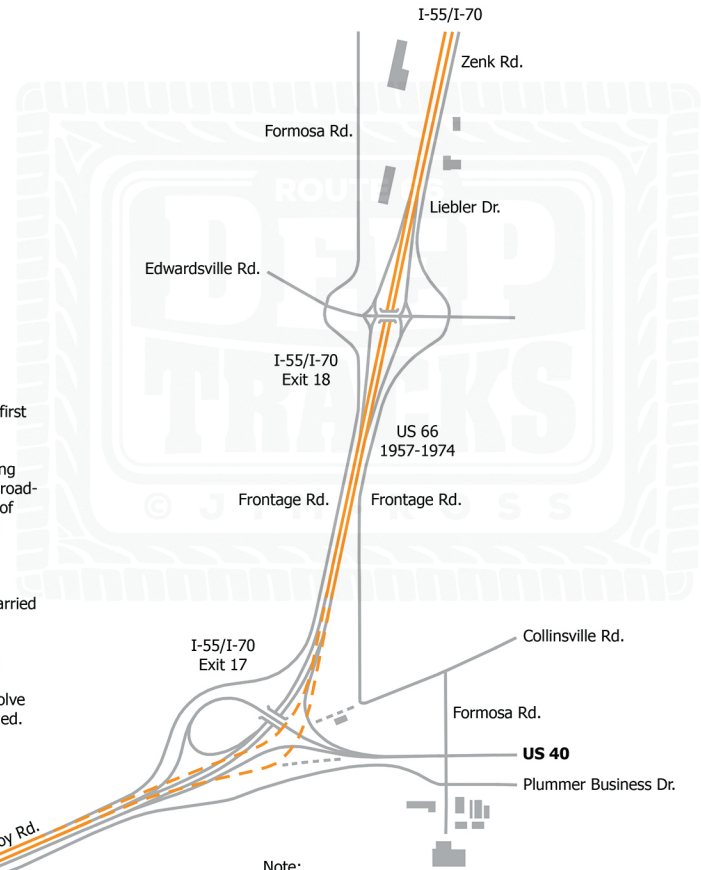
Note on Alignments:

From the US 40 junction at I-55 Exit 17 eastward (toward Hamel), newly constructed 4-lane US 66 first appears on a 1957 IL state map.

Westward from Exit 17 to IL 159 at Exit 15, existing US 40 was already 4 lanes when US 66 joined its roadway in 1957, which followed Troy Rd. (north side of the interstate) and the westbound lanes of future I-55/I-70.

At the junction with IL 159 (below), 4-lane US 66 curved to the southwest toward Collinsville and carried US 66/US 40 traffic from 1957-1960.

The route was moved onto I-55/I-70 from Exit 18 (upper right of map) to a point near IL 157 (next map) in 1960. Only sections of interstate that involve former or existing US 66 alignments are color coded.



Note:
The dashed gray lines above identify the original pathways of former IL 11 (on Collinsville Rd. and then Troy Rd.) and US 40, which followed the WB lanes of the future interstate.



Pre-interstate view looking north at the junction of US 66/US 40 and IL 159 (below). Unsourced Photo.

