

HISTORIC U.S. 66 BRIDGE DATABASE 1926-1985

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INTRODUCTION

Information in this database makes no claim to the final word on the bridges of Route 66, simply because it remains a work in progress. In addition to unresolved questions about early Route 66 alignments in some areas as well as dates that certain pathways were signed as US 66, the quest to ferret out build dates and bridge types for many of the lost structures continues. Some culverts that were too small to qualify as bridges but with historical significance were documented, along with a few notable examples of structures integral to the roadway, such as railroad grade separations and tunnels.

To the extent records were available, state departments of transportation were the primary source used to verify bridge types and build dates. It was also necessary to use unofficial web-based resources and documents found in the literature, not all of which could be considered reliable. In some instances, build dates were estimated (circa) based on favored designs for a given era and other supporting evidence.

Bridges are listed using a separate document for each Route 66 state, while entries within each document follow an east-to-west geographical order. In addition to the numbered entries, there are notes providing anecdotal information or giving brief mention of structures not more fully documented.

Not all bridges that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places are so noted, though many are.

Only some interstate bridges that carried US 66 traffic are included, and all of those featured were originally built for an alignment of US 66. Among those, some that have since been lost or which have little significance were omitted.

Finally, with few exceptions, references to direction will be Eastbound or Westbound, regardless of the true direction of the road in a given instance. Unless otherwise attributed, all photos are by the author.

Key to abbreviations and acronyms:

EB = Eastbound

WB = Westbound

FAP = Federal Aid Project

LWC = Low-water Crossing

ILLINOIS

NOTE: All of Illinois Route 66 was decertified by 1976.

1. Chicago River Bridge downtown Chicago on Jackson Blvd. (one-way EB).

Date Built: 1915

Type: Double Trunnion Bascule Deck Truss.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 41.878151,-87.637795



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2. Chicago River Bridge downtown Chicago on Adams Ave. (one-way WB).

Date Built: 1927; rehabbed in 1996.

Type: Double Trunnion Bascule Deck Truss.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 41.879454,-87.638128



2013

3. Lost RR Viaduct on Ogden Ave. in Cicero (Ogden at Cicero Ave.).

Date Built: 1938 (No. 016-0228); rehabbed in 1959; removed in 1999.

Type: 24-span mix of Pony and Warren Through Truss with Verticals.

Status: GONE. Road reconfigured with separate bridges.

Coordinates: 41.844717,-87.742526



Jerry McClanahan Photo circa 1985

NOTE: Acknowledgment of lost Des Plaines River Bridge (Ogden west of Harlem—1926-1928 route).

4. Des Plaines River Bridge on Joliet Rd., just west of Harlem in Lyons.

Date Built: 1900; replaced in 1927; rehabbed in 1996.

Type: 5-span Precast Concrete Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 41.814462,-87.809382



2013 view of 1996 rehabilitation

NOTE: Acknowledgment of lost bridges on Lily Cache Creek in Plainfield here: 41.632906,-88.167663 and on the DuPage River in Plainfield here: 41.571222,-88.200711 and here: 41.519889,-88.198577

5. Ruby St. Bridge on the Des Plaines River in Joliet.

Date Built: 1935 (No. 099-9901); rehabbed in 1972.

Type: Double Trunnion Bascule Deck Truss.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 41.536635,-88.082995



2013

NOTE: Acknowledgment of the lost Jackson Creek Bridge south of Joliet on IL 53 on the original 2-lane path of US 66 (41.433107,-88.078461). It was replaced in 1942 (after the route moved to Plainfield in the 1930s) as part of a 4-lane expansion project. Both 4-lane bridges were reconstructed in 1989.

NOTE: Acknowledgment of the lost Prairie Creek Bridge (41.354653,-88.133843) on IL 53 north of Wilmington. The current WB bridge (the original 2-lane Route 66 pathway) was built in 1978, replacing an earlier span. The EB bridge for the 4-lane expansion was built in 1942, which was post-US 66 era for this alignment. Both bridges were rehabbed in 2008.

6. Twin I-55 bridges on the Des Plaines River south of Joliet.

Date Built: 1957 for 4-lane US 66; rehabbed in 1997. Replaced a 1932 bridge to their immediately east.

Type: Cantilevered Warren Through Truss.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 41.421861,-88.19434



2013

7. Lost bridge on Forked Creek in Wilmington (east side of the city).

Date Built: 1922 (No. 099-0091).

Type: Unknown; current bridge = Steel Stringer.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1981.

Coordinates: 41.310767,-88.137169

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8. Lost Kankakee River Mill Race Bridge in Wilmington.

Date Built: 1944 (No. 099-0092).

Type: Unknown; current = Steel Girder.

Status: GONE; replaced in 1998.

Coordinates: 41.305452,-88.151337

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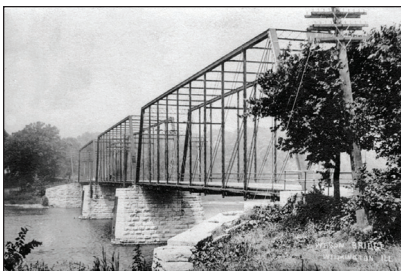
9. Lost Kankakee River bridges in Wilmington.

Date Built: 1) 1913; 2) circa 1930s.

Type: (1) Pratt Through Truss; (2) 7-span Open-Spandrel Concrete Arch.

Status: GONE. 1930s bridge replaced in 1987 (No. 099-0272).

Coordinates: 41.305452,-88.151337



1913 Pratt Through Truss



1930s Concrete Arch

10. Lost Steel Arch Bridge over the RR between Braceville and Gardner on IL 129.

Date Built: 1939 (No. 032-0062); reconstructed 1964.

Type: Tied Steel Through Arch.

Status: Destroyed 2003.

Coordinates: 41.209998,-88.280823

Note: The abandoned road on the west side of the RR is the 2-lane route—now IL 129—that came from Plainfield when the route was moved from Joliet in the 1930s. The historic route from Joliet (on the east side of the RR) became 66 ALT (today's IL 53).



1995

NOTE: Acknowledgment of a lost bridge of unknown date and type on the Mazon River north of Gardner on the former IL 129 alignment from Plainfield (just WB from the arch bridge above), located here: 41.207494,-88.283861

11. Lost bridge over the Mazon River on IL 53.

Date built: Unknown; current bridge = 1969 (No. 032-0023) which is post-66 era for this route.

Type: Unknown

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1969 (No. 032-0023).

Coordinates: 41.206261,-88.28372

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12. Lost Viaduct at Gardner on IL 53 over the Union Pacific RR.

Date Built: 1928; reconstructed 1965; closed 11-19-98.

Type: 1928 = Unknown (No. 032-0022); reconstructed in 1965 as Steel Girder with Precast Concrete Girder approaches.

Status: GONE. Replaced with a Continuous Steel Stringer (No. 032-0096) in 2000.

Coordinates: 41.1821,-88.315428



1999

13. Lost bridge on Woods Run Creek 2 mi. south of the RR viaduct at the south edge of Gardner.
Date Built: 1954 (No. 032-0003); would have replaced an earlier bridge on the 1926 route.

Type: Concrete Slab

Status: GONE. Replaced with a Concrete Culvert (No. 032-2004) in 2002 when the 1979 interstate highway culvert (No. 032-2004) was extended from I-55 under the current service road.

Coordinates: 41.129607,-88.381872



1999

14. Lost Gooseberry Creek bridges just north of Dwight on the 4-lane bypass alignment.

Date Built: EB (original 2-lane path) = unknown; replacement (No. 032-0001) = 1954; WB (4-lane expansion = Circa late 1940s.

Type: Original EB = unknown; 1954 EB replacement = Concrete Deck Girder; 2000 EB replacement = concrete culvert ; WB = unknown, likely a Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: EB Original + 1954 replacement GONE, replaced in 2000 with a Concrete Culvert (No. 032-2008); Circa 1940s WB GONE, not replaced.

Coordinates: 41.111087,-88.408712



1999

15. Lost bridges on the 4-lane alignment at the north edge of Dwight.

Date Built: EB (original 2-lane) = 1954 (No. 053-0017); replaced an earlier bridge of unknown date and type; WB = Unknown, circa late 1940s for the 4-lane expansion.

Type: 1954 EB = Concrete Slab; WB = Unknown.

Status: WB bridge GONE, not replaced; EB bridge GONE, replaced in 2001 with a Concrete Culvert (No. 053-2039).

Coordinates: 41.105315,-88.429669

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16. Lost RR Viaduct on the former 4-lane alignment at Dwight.

Date Built: 1954

Type: Unknown

Status: GONE. Not replaced. This is now an at-grade crossing.

Coordinates: 41.100979,-88.438756

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NOTE: Acknowledgment of large culvert (likely replaced a bridge of unknown date and type) on the original 2-lane route in Dwight here: 41.096864,-88.422829 and acknowledgment of a lost 1954 viaduct bridge over Hwy. 17 on the 4-lane bypass route located here: 41.093777,-88.44108

17. Mazon River Bridge north of Odell on the original 2-lane alignment.

Date Built: 1954 (No. 053-0013); replaced an earlier bridge of unknown date and type.

Type: Concrete Deck Girder (Tee Beam).

Status: Open to 2-way traffic. The WB lanes of what became 4-lane 66 and its 1954 bridge here were consumed by EB I-55.

Coordinates: 41.050244,-88.481328



2013



2013

18. Concrete Girder on Wolf Creek at Cayuga (north of Pontiac).

Date Built: 1955 (No. 053-0011); replaced an earlier span of unknown date and type; rebuilt in 1998.

Type: Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: Open to traffic. The WB bridge built for the 4-lane expansion during the same era is gone.

Coordinates: 40.944067,-88.580555



2013

19. Lost Twin Stringers over North Creek in Pontiac on the 4-lane route.

Date Built: EB = 1955; WB = 1954.

Type: EB (No. 053-0010) = Concrete Slab; WB (No. 053-0009) = Concrete Slab.

Status: Replaced with Steel Stringers in 2001 (No. 053-0176 and No. 053-0175).

Coordinates: 40.888425,-88.640504

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20. Bridge on N. Division St. (2-lane route) over North Creek, Pontiac.

Date Built: 1926 (No. 053-0073); rebuilt in like style in 2005 (No. 053-7105), re-using original end posts.

Type: Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 40.888057,-88.633309



2013

21. Lost twin bridges on the Vermillion River in Pontiac on the 4-lane route.

Date Built: EB= 1954 (No. 053-0007); WB = 1947 (No. 053-0008).

Type: Unknown; current bridges are Precast Concrete Girder.

Status: GONE.

Coordinates: 40.878822,-88.643871

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22. Lost Vermillion River Bridge on Ladd St. (2-lane 66) in Pontiac.

Date Built: 1927 (No. 053-0068).

Type: Concrete Deck Girder (Tee Beam).

Status: Reconstructed in 2001.

Coordinates: 40.878206,-88.638254 (Note: Vermillion St. bridge built in 1925; Mill St. in 1976).

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23. Slab bridges on 4-lane US 66 on Turtle Creek south of Pontiac.

Date Built: EB (original 2-lane) = 1954 (rehabbed in 1997); WB = 1943; closed in 1998.

Type: EB (No. 053-0005) = Concrete Slab; WB (No. 053-0006) = Concrete Slab.

Status: EB Bridge is open to traffic. Note: the 1954 EB bridge would have replaced an earlier span.

Coordinates: 40.856279,-88.651944



2013 (the closed 1943 WB bridge)

24. Twin bridges on Rooks Creek south of Pontiac.

Date Built: EB (No. 053-0003) = 1940 (replaced an earlier bridge on a dangerous curve); rebuilt in 1997; WB (No. 053-0004) = 1946 for the 4-lane expansion; closed in 1998.

Type: Both are Steel Stringers.

Status: The WB bridge is closed. The EB bridge is open to traffic.

Coordinates: 40.814798,-88.677889



2013

25. Side by side bridges north of Chenoa on a tributary to Rooks Creek on 4-lane US 66.

Date Built: WB = 1943 (No. 053-0001) for 4-lane expansion; closed in 1998. EB = 1954 (No. 053-0002), which replaced an earlier bridge on the original 2-lane. The 1954 EB bridge was rebuilt in 2001.

Type: WB = Concrete Deck Girder; EB = Unknown; 2001 EB replacement = Steel Beam.

Status: EB (rebuilt) bridge open to traffic.

Coordinates: 40.772312,-88.70435



2013

26. *Lost Concrete bridge on Turkey Creek north of Lexington.

Date Built: 1954 (No. 057-0039); replaced a bridge of unknown date and type on the original 2-lane.

Type: Concrete Slab; the WB bridge built for the 4-lane expansion was consumed by EB I-55.

Status: GONE. Replaced with Steel Beam bridge circa 2018.

Coordinates: 40.663963,-88.771315



2013

27. *Lost bridges on the north side of Lexington (south of No. 26 above) on the 4-lane route.

Date Built: WB (built for 4-lane expansion) = 1945 (No. 057-0038); EB = 1954 (No. 057-0037).

Type: Both are Concrete Slab. EB replaced a bridge on original 2-lane; WB bridge is closed.

Status: GONE. Destroyed in 2021, replaced with large culvert. Coordinates: 40.658898,-88.774451



2013

28. Bridges on the Mackinaw River just south of Lexington.

Date Built: EB (original 2-lane route): 1954 (No. 057-0035); replaced an earlier bridge; rebuilt in 2000;

WB (No. 057-0036) = 1946 for the 4-lane expansion.

Type: 1954 and Prior EB bridges = Unknown; 1954 was likely a Concrete Deck Girder; 2000 bridge = Precast Concrete Girder; WB (1946) = Continuous Concrete Deck Girder (4 beams across).

Status: 2000 EB bridge open to traffic; 1946 WB bridge open to pedestrian traffic only.

Coordinates: 40.632066,-88.799453



2013

29. Slab bridge on the original 2-lane alignment (EB half of 4-lane) north of Towanda.

Date Built: 1954 (057-0033); would have replaced an earlier bridge.

Type: Concrete Slab

Status: Open to 2-way traffic; WB bridge consumed by EB I-55.

Coordinates: 40.606537,-88.836155



2013

30. Bridges on Money Creek on 4-lane US 66 on the north side of Towanda.

Date Built: EB (No. 057-0031):1954 (replaced earlier bridge of unknown date and type); replaced in 2000 (No. 057-0239); WB (No. 057-0032): 1945 for the 4-lane expansion.

Type: 1954 EB = Continuous Concrete Deck Girder; 1945 WB = Continuous Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: EB (orig. 2-lane path) open to traffic; WB bridge closed. Coordinates: 40.572937,-88.885269



2013

31. *Lost Sugar Creek Bridge on Main St. just north of Virginia in Bloomington (EB).

Date Built: 1917 (No. 057-0054); rebuilt in 1954.

Type: Concrete Slab; retained its original bridge number; piers were likely original to 1917.

Status: GONE. Replaced circa 2018.

Coordinates: 40.49868,-88.994427



2013

32. RR Viaducts in downtown Bloomington (EB on Main St.; WB on Center St.).

Date Built: EB (No. 057-0193) on original pathway = 1981, may have replaced an earlier bridge;
WB (No. 057-6301) = 1970 (rebuilt 2004).

Type: Steel Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 40.475006,-88.993418



Eastbound 2013



Westbound 2013

NOTE: Acknowledgment of the lost Timber Creek Bridge north of Funk's Grove on the original 2-lane pathway of unknown type and date. Located approx. here: 40.370188,-89.103059. Replaced in 1954 with the bridge listed below.

33. Lost Concrete Girder on Timber Creek at Funk's Grove.

Date Built: 1954 (No. 057-0003); would have replaced the earlier bridge acknowledged above.

Type: 3-span Continuous Concrete Deck Girder (4 beams across).

Status: GONE. Replaced in 2015.

Coordinates: 40.361694,-89.113699



2013



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34. Slab bridge on the WB half of 4-lane US 66 (original 2-lane) on Clear Creek north of Atlanta.

Date Built: 1954; would have replaced an earlier bridge of unknown date and type.

Type: Concrete Slab; one guardrail has been removed.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 40.280381,-89.209162



2013

35. *Lost Concrete bridge on Kickapoo Creek just north of Lawndale.

Date Built: 1954 (No. 054-0002); would have replaced an earlier bridge of unknown date and type.

Type: Five-span Continuous Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: Replaced circa 2015 by bridge No. 054-0516.

Coordinates: 40.222153,-89.276845

Note: Bridge was on the WB half of 4-lane 66 (original 2-lane). EB half of 4-lane 66 is under I-55.



2013

36. Lost Salt Creek Bridge at Lincoln.

Date Built: Circa 1920s; replacement bridge built in 1942 on offset alignment.

Type: Unknown

Status: GONE. Only piers remain.

Coordinates: 40.131551,-89.392535



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37. Lost Salt Creek Bridge on current alignment at Lincoln.

Date Built: 1942 (No. 054-0005); reconstructed in 1975.

Type: Steel Girder

Status: GONE. Replaced by Bridge No. 054-0512 in 2014.

Coordinates: 40.130923,-89.388865



2013

38. Bridges on Fancy Creek (formerly 4-lane US 66) at the north end of Sherman.

Date Built: EB (No. 084-0031) = 1953 (original 2-lane; replaced earlier bridge). WB (added for 4-lane 66); likely built in 1953 also.

Type: Both are nearly identical Concrete Slabs.

Status: WB Abandoned; EB open to traffic (becomes on-ramp to I-55).

Coordinates: 39.913577,-89.585862



2012 Abandoned westbound bridge



2012 Eastbound bridge

39. Lost bridge on fragment of former 2-lane US 66 at the north end of Sherman.

Date Built: Unknown

Type: Unknown

Status: GONE.

Coordinates: 39.897181,-89.600228

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40. Lost Sangamon River Bridge at Sherman.

Date Built: Circa 1900s; replaced 1936.

Type: Pratt Through Truss.

Status: Only abutments remain.

Coordinates: 39.870601,-89.614343

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41. Sangamon River Bridge on upgrade alignment at Sherman.

Date Built: 1936 (No. 084-0030); Widened in 1987 (originally a 2-lane bridge with wide shoulders).

Type: Original = steel girder with steel stringer at the north end; Reconstructed bridge = Steel Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.870717,-89.613871

Note: IDOT bridge report lists 1926 date in error; IL Historic Registry and other sources list 1936.



IDOT photo of 1936 bridge



2013 Reconstructed bridge

42. Lost bridge on the Sangamon River overflow, Sherman.

Date Built: 1937 (No. 084-0029); replaced in 1987 (No. 084-0179).

Type: 1937 = Concrete Slab; 1987 = Steel Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.868033,-89.613897

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43. RR Viaduct on Dirksen Pkwy. in Springfield.

Date Built: 1939 as Bridge No. 084-0073.

Type: Steel Beam or Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.824209, -89.605052

Note: The westbound half was the original 1939 2-lane bridge. The eastbound half was added in 1982 as bridge No. 084-0178. Plaques recognizing each are featured on the guardrail of the westbound lanes.

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BEGIN POST-1930 ROUTE 66 ALIGNMENT FROM SPRINGFIELD TO EXIT 33 AT HAMEL.

NOTE: Acknowledgment of the lost Sugar Creek Bridge on Cotton Hill Rd. in Springfield that was submerged with the creation of Lake Springfield. It carried US 66 from 1930 until the completion of the 1932 lake bridge just to the west. Prior to 1930 the route followed the old IL 4 alignment farther west. The lake itself was constructed between 1931-1935. The bridge was here: 39.693896, -89.626696

44. Lost bridges over Lake Springfield.

Date Built: WB = 1932 (No. 084-0026); EB = 1967 (No. 084-0027).

Type: 1932 = Concrete Deck Girder with parapet walls and lighting; 1967 = Precast Concrete Girder.

Status: GONE. 1932 (WB) replaced in 2001 (No. 084-0499); 1967 (EB) replaced in 2002 (No. 084-0500).

Coordinates: 39.697413,-89.642839.

Note: In 1967, the 1932 bridge was adopted by WB I-55. The 1967 EB bridge was built for the interstate.



1932 Lake Springfield Bridge (right side of photo) and 1967 EB I-55 bridge under construction
Steve Rider Collection

45. Lost RR Viaduct at Glenarm on the I-55 Service Rd.

Date Built: 1955 (No. 084-0005). May have replaced an earlier viaduct.

Type: Steel Stringer

Status: GONE. Replaced in 2011.

Coordinates: 39.629032,-89.64765

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46. Steel Beam bridge on Brush Creek just north of Divernon.

Date Built: 1949 (No. 084-0002); may have replaced an earlier bridge on the post-1930 two-lane.

Type: Steel Beam

Status: Open to traffic as West I-55 Service Rd. (dead-ends to the north).

Coordinates: 39.57984,-89.646904



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47. Concrete bridge on Macoupin Creek at Farmersville.

Date Built: 1949 (No. 068-0054); replaced an earlier bridge to the immediate west on an offset alignment (fragmented concrete roadbed remains in both directions from the creek).

Type: Concrete Deck Girder

Status: Open to traffic as I-55 Service Rd.

Coordinates: 39.438424,-89.644409



2013



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48. Lost RR viaduct on the surviving EB lanes of 4-lane US 66 at the north end of Litchfield.

Date Built: 1950 (No. 068-0032).

Note: The WB lanes may have had a 1950 viaduct as well.

Type: Steel Stringer

Status: GONE Replaced in 1998 (No. 068-0061).

Coordinates: 39.193075,-89.662891

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49. Lost RR Viaduct on the 1930 2-lane alignment at the north end of Litchfield.

Date Built: Unknown; may have been abandoned when the 1950 viaduct listed below was built.

Type: Unknown.

Status: GONE. RR tracks removed.

Coordinates: 39.191312,-89.662161

Photo Unavailable

NOTE: Acknowledgment of a possible lost bridge at the south end of Litchfield located here:

39.152634,-89.666454

50. Lost RR viaduct on the I-55 Svc. Rd. (2-lane 66; later WB half of 4-lane 66) north of I-55 Exit 37.

Date Built: 1939 (No. 060-0004); rebuilt 2002 (piers may be original). This was likely an at-grade crossing prior to 1939.

Type: 3-span Steel Stringer.

Status: GONE.

Coordinates: 38.978352,-89.749966

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END OF THE POST-30 ALIGNMENT FROM SPRINGFIELD TO EXIT 33 AT HAMEL

BEGIN THE 1926-1930 ALIGNMENT FROM SPRINGFIELD TO HAMEL VIA OLD IL 4

51. Lick Creek Bridge on Old Chatham Rd. (IL 4) south of Springfield.

Date Built: 1919 (No. 084-0093); closed in 1989.

Type: 2-span Concrete Through Girder.

Status: Not Maintained; open to pedestrians.

Coordinates: 39.715695,-89.702431

Note: Replacement bridge on the nearby upgrade alignment of IL 4 was built in 1975.



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52. Lost bridge on Polecat Creek at Chatham.

Date Built: Unknown; current bridge (No. 084-0521) = 2010; bridge prior to that = 1978.

Type: Circa 1920; current bridge = Steel Stringer; bridge prior= Precast Concrete Girder.

Status: GONE. Successor bridges built in 1978 and 2010, both post-US 66 for this route.

Coordinates: 39.683318,-89.704749

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53. Lost bridge on Panther Creek north of Auburn.

Date Built: Circa 1920.

Type: Unknown; likely a Concrete Through Girder common to the era.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1958 (post-US 66 for this route) and again in 2001.

Coordinates: 39.626131,-89.732386

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54. Lost bridge on Panther Creek north of Auburn on Snell Rd.

Date Built 1920 (No. 084-0094).

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder; Current bridge = 4-barrel concrete culvert with vintage-style guardrails.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 2002 (No. 084-0502).

Coordinates: 39.617979,-89.744076



2013 view of the 2002 bridge

55. Lost bridge on Panther Creek north of Auburn on Curran Road.

Date Built: 1920 (No. 084-0091.)

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder; Current bridge = 4-barrel concrete culvert with vintage style guardrails.

Status: GONE. Replaced 2002 (No. 084-0501).

Coordinates: 39.613598,-89.750578



Circa 1940s



2013 view of 2002 bridge

56. Lost bridge over Sugar Creek on Harrison at Thayer.

Date Built: 1920 (No. 084-0095).

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder; Current bridge = Concrete Slab.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1999 (No. 084-0503).

Coordinates: 39.541988,-89.763143

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57. Lost bridge on Shearles Branch north of Nilwood (north of RR trestle).

Date Built: 1920 (No. 059-0046).

Type: Concrete Slab with brick guardrails; Replacement = Concrete Culvert with brick guardrails.

Status: GONE. Replaced 2010 (No. 059-2502).

Coordinates: 39.410783,-89.784148



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NOTE: There are 7 culverts on the stair-step dogleg west of Nilwood that begins on Donaldson Rd. here: 39.398704,-89.845249

58. Bridge on Hurricane Creek on the E/W section of the dogleg (Harvest) north of Carlinville.

Date Built: 1921 (No. 059-0031).

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.325702,-89.87101



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59. Lost bridge on Hurricane Creek just north of Carlinville.

Date Built: 1921 (No. 059-0006); Reconstructed in 1960; Replaced in 1997 (No. 059-0056).

Type: Unknown; likely a Through Girder; 1960 = Precast Concrete Girder; 1997 = Steel Beam.

Status: 1997 bridge open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.310091,-89.878502

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60. Lost bridge 1 mile southeast of Carlinville on unidentified creek.

Date Built: Unknown; circa 1920.

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder.

Status: GONE. Lost when terrain was reshaped and the alignment altered.

Coordinates: 39.275849, -89.868715.



IDOT photo. Joe Sonderman Collection

NOTE: Acknowledgment of a bridge ruin on Macoupin Creek on an abandoned segment of original IL 4 / US 66 south of Carlinville here: 39.261703,-89.849196. Only abutments remain.

61. Honey Creek Culvert on Deerfield Dr. approx. 6.5 mi. south of Carlinville.

Date Built: 1920

Type: Concrete Culvert with brass plaque: Station 317 + 17; Federal Aid Project 8, Section T.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.21881,-89.816433



2013



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62. Girder bridge on Honey Creek on Deerfield Dr. south of Carlinville, east side of the current Hwy.

Date Built: 1920 (No. 059-0032).

Type: Single-span Concrete Through Girder.

Status: Closed to traffic.

Coordinates: 39.214041,-89.812595



2013

NOTE: Acknowledgment of a culvert at the Staunton Country Club here: 39.045979,-89.806943

63. Lost bridge on Cahokia Creek south of the Staunton Country Club.

Date Built: 1921 (No. 059-0010). Abutments are to the immediate east of the current bridge.

Type: Unknown; Current = 4-span Steel Stringer.

Status: GONE.

Coordinates: 39.036063,-89.801844

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END OF 1926-1930 ROUTE BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND HAMEL. BEGIN MISSISSIPPI RIVER ALIGNMENTS VIA EDWARDSVILLE AND EAST ST. LOUIS.

64. Lost bridge on Sugar Creek just east of Edwardsville (IL 157).

Date Built: 1930 (No. 060-0072).

Type: 1930 = Concrete Slab; 2013 Replacement = Steel Beam.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 2013 (No. 060-0204).

Coordinates: 38.828329,-89.934051

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65. Lost Bridge on Mooney Creek east of Edwardsville (IL157), just west of the bridge listed above.

Date Built: 1931 (No. 060-0071); Reconstructed in 1952 (post-US 66 for this alignment).

Type: 2-span Concrete Deck Girder.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1999 with a 3-span Steel Stringer. (No. 060-0234).

Coordinates: 38.827938,-89.936926

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66. Lost bridge on Cahokia Creek on Chain of Rocks Road west of Edwardsville.

Date Built: 1932 (No. 060-0069); Current bridge (No. 060-0236) built in 2008.

Type: Single-span Steel Stringer.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 2008 with a Concrete Slab.

Coordinates: 38.760199,-90.027038



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NOTE: The Mississippi River crossings from Illinois into Missouri are not presented here in chronological order, although the date they were first used is given. These bridges will appear in the order of their use at the beginning of the Missouri database.

67. Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge on Chain of Rocks Road in Granite City, IL.

Date Built: 1949 (No. 060-0068); rehabbed in 1999.

Type: Main Span = Modified Warren Camelback Through Truss; Approaches = Cantilevered Warren Deck Truss + Steel Girder spans.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.761856,-90.137996



2013

68. Chain of Rocks Bridge on the Mississippi River (1936 route).

Date Built: 1929; Closed to traffic in 1968; re-opened in 1999 as a pedestrian & bicycle route.

Type: 5-span Pennsylvania (Petit) Through Truss; Approach spans = Warren Through Truss w/ Verticals.

Status: Open to pedestrians and to vehicles for special events.

Coordinates: 38.759831,-90.173605



2003 Shellee Graham photo

69. Lost RR Viaduct on Broadway in Venice (near the McKinley Bridge on the 1926 route).

Date Built: 1936 (No. 060-0155); later rehabbed or replaced in the post-66 era for this route.

Type: 16-span Steel Stringer.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.676432,-90.162532

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70. McKinley Bridge over the Mississippi River on the 1926 Route in Venice.

Date Built: 1910 (No. 060-6002); RR discontinued 1977; bridge closed in 2001; reconstructed in 2005; re-opened to vehicles in 2007.

Type: Three-span, pin-connected, 18 panel Pennsylvania Through Truss;

Approaches = Steel Stringer/Steel Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.665047,-90.183304



2013

71. Lost RR Viaduct on the IL 203 "City" route (McCambridge Ave.) in Madison.

Date Built: 1935 (No. 060-0066).

Type: 5-span mixed Through and Pony Truss; Current = Single-span Steel Beam with earthen approaches.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1992 (No. 060-0265).

Coordinates: 38.675443,-90.147384

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72. Lost bridge on Canteen Creek on Collinsville Rd. just west of I-255 on the 1957-1963 route.

Date Built: 1930 (No. 060-0074).

Type: Single-span Concrete Deck Girder (Tee Beam); Current bridge = Steel Beam.

Status: GONE. Replaced in 1991 (No. 060-0264).

Coordinates: 38.659531,-90.039816

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73. Schoenberger Creek Bridge on Collinsville Rd. just east of the Hwy. 203 Jct.

Date Built: 1947 (No. 082-0031); Scheduled to be replaced by No. 082-0042

Type: Concrete Slab

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.641846,-90.123624



2013

74. RR Tunnel / Underpass #1 on St. Clair Ave. (IL 3 route between Venice and East St. Louis).

Date Built: Unknown

Type: Steel Beam

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.635453,-90.149165

Note: This was US 66 from 1929-1936. It is possible that the underpass was built after 1936.



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75. RR Tunnel / Underpass #2 on St. Clair Ave. (IL 3 route between Venice and East St. Louis).

Date Built: Unknown; expanded for a second set of tracks in 1946 (post-66 era).

Type: Steel Beam

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.634279,-90.147802



2013

76. *Lost MLK/Veterans Approach Bridge in East St. Louis over the RR and Missouri Ave.

Date Built: 1950 (No. 082-6003); rehabbed in 1989.

Type: Riveted, Warren Camelback Through Truss with Verticals.

Status: GONE. Replaced circa 2018 with a Steel Girder.

Coordinates: 38.629569,-90.163616



2013

77. MLK / Veterans Bridge on the 1956 route (Collinsville Rd. / 9th St. / MLK).

Date Built: 1950 (No. 082-6001); rehabbed 1987; lanes reconfigured to 2-EB / 1-WB in 2009.

Type: 3-span Cantilevered Subdivided Warren Through Truss w/ 2-span Warren Deck Truss approach.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.631003,-90.17881



2013

78. Approach Bridge to Municipal / Douglas MacArthur Bridge in East St. Louis (1929 route).

Date Built: Open to traffic in 1917.

Type: Single-span Parker Through Truss.

Status: Abandoned, restricted access (auto deck closed in 1981).

Coordinates: 38.613551,-90.165936



2013

79. Municipal / Douglas MacArthur Bridge (1929 route from East St. Louis, IL).

Date Built: Open to traffic in 1917.

Type: Three-span Modified Pennsylvania Through Truss with a single-span Pratt Through Truss on the west end.

Status: Now used only for trains (auto deck closed in 1981).

Coordinates: 38.614909,-90.183982



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80. Poplar Street Bridge (1969 route from East St. Louis).

Date Built: 1967

Type: Multi-span Steel Girder.

Status: Open to traffic.

Coordinates: 38.617872, -90.182618

Note: The route shifted from the Veterans Bridge to the Poplar St. Bridge once I-55 / I-64 was completed. This route involved only interstate pathways and was in use as US 66 from 1969-1975.

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