



McLean County

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Route 66 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Expansion Mitigation Report Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO Log #008102723)

Project Overview

The McLean County Highway Department completed the mitigation measures required under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed in support of the 1.75-mile bike and pedestrian trail expansion in Lexington, Illinois. The project involved improvements along portions of the historic Route 66 corridor that were determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under the Historic and Architectural Resources of Route 66 Through Illinois Multiple Property Survey.

Work Completed

The following mitigation activities were completed in accordance with the executed MOA:

- Permanent interpretive signage was designed and installed near the trailhead parking area on the north side of Lexington, Illinois. See attached pictures.
- The interpretive display provides educational information regarding the historical development of SBI 4/US Route 66, including its significance, original concrete pavement, and associated bridge structures.
- Historical information and digital photographs of the interpretive signage were added to the McLean County Historic Route 66 Trail (Parks & Rec) website to support public education and heritage tourism.

Project Schedule

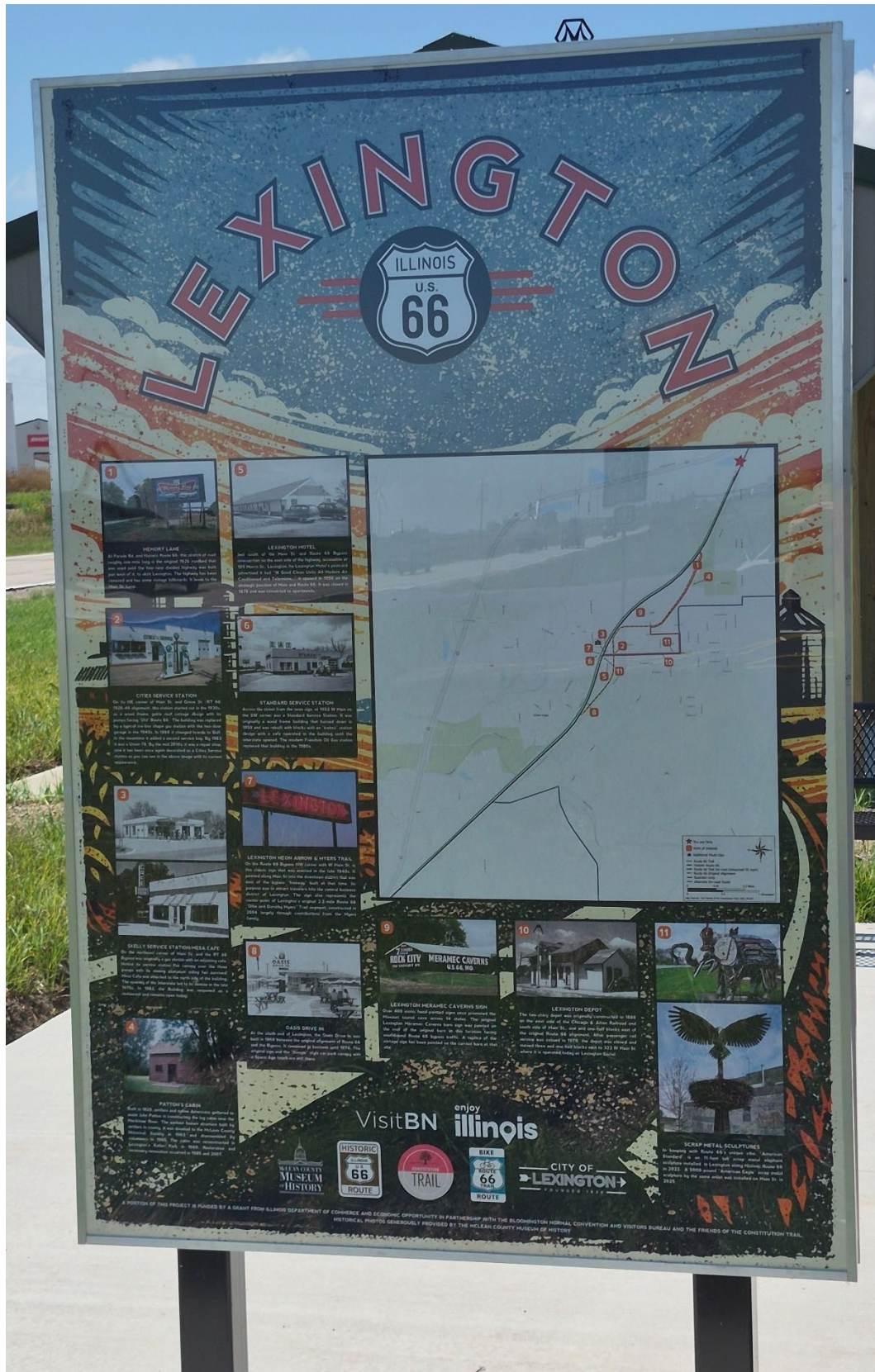
All mitigation measures were completed in accordance with the executed Memorandum of Agreement. This project included a winter shutdown delay that carried some of the final construction work into the spring of 2026. The contractor completed construction on April 28th, 2026. The Friends of the Constitution Trail installed the permanent interpretive signs on July 14th & 29th 2026.

Problems Encountered

No major issues or unforeseen circumstances affected completion of the required mitigation measures.

Conclusion

The McLean County Highway Department has fulfilled the mitigation requirements identified in Section IV (Monitoring and Reporting) of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Route 66 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Expansion Project. All required interpretive, documentation, and public education measures have been completed, and supporting documentation has been submitted to the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office.



Interpretive Signage – History of US Route 66 (looking south)



Interpretive Signage –US Route 66 Trail Map (looking north)

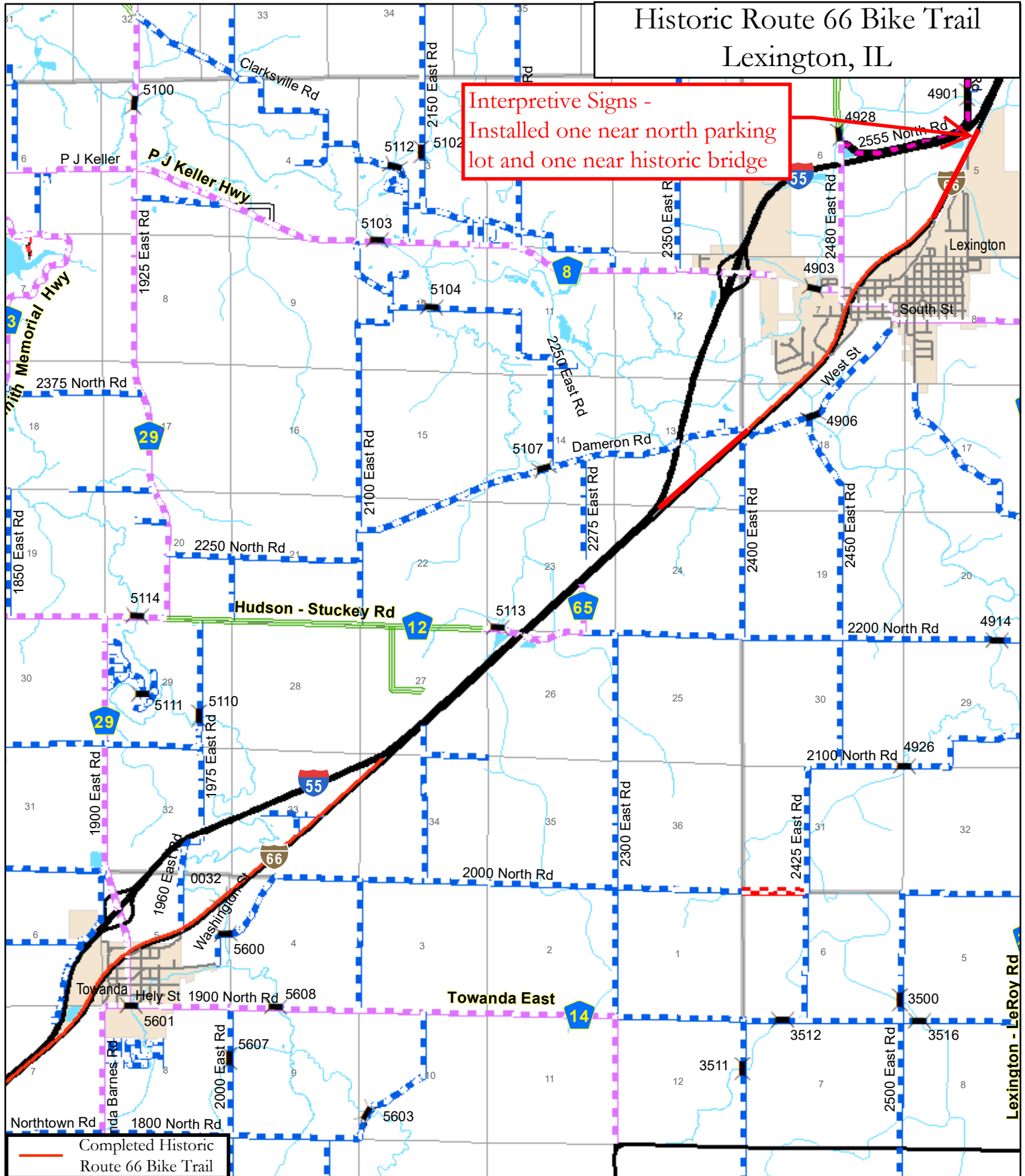


Interpretive Signage –US Route 66 Pavement History (looking east)

Historic Route 66 Bike Trail

Lexington, IL

Interpretive Signs -
Installed one near north parking
lot and one near historic bridge



Surface Type - Maintained By

- Hotmix - Township
- Oil & Chip - Township
- Gravel - Township
- Dirt - Township
- Hotmix - McLean County
- Oil & Chip - McLean County

Other Streets

- City of Bloomington
- Town of Normal
- Other Town or Village
- Surrounding Township
- Surrounding County
- State Highways
- Private

Bridges
 Lakes
 Streams
 Corporate Limits
 Sections
 Political Townships
 Neighboring Counties

Constitution Trail Area
McLean County, Illinois



1 inch = 1 mile

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