

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

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Arkansas Highway Commission

Long Term Plans Need Long Term Funds



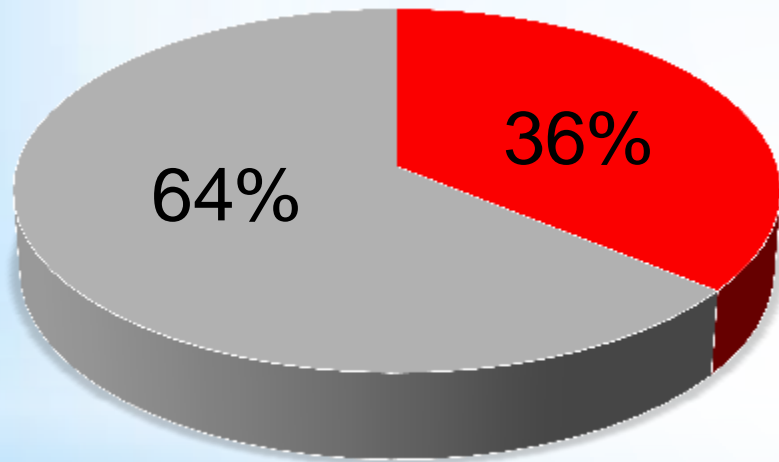
Entire Interstate 49 Corridor in AR

Arkansas I-49 Corridor

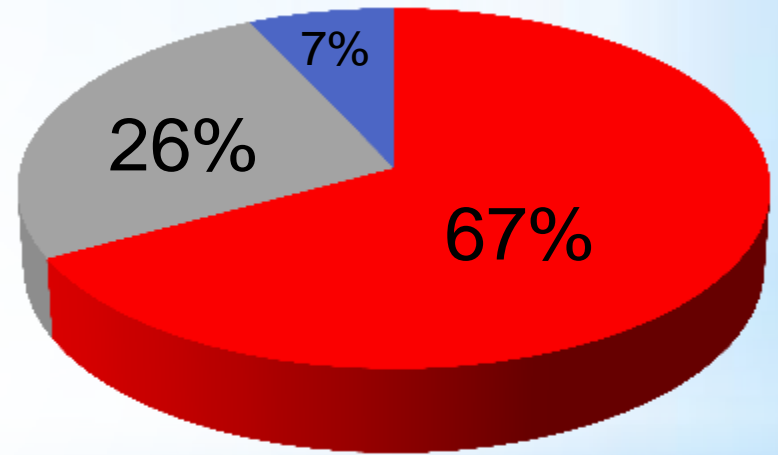


AHTD Funding Sources

Overall



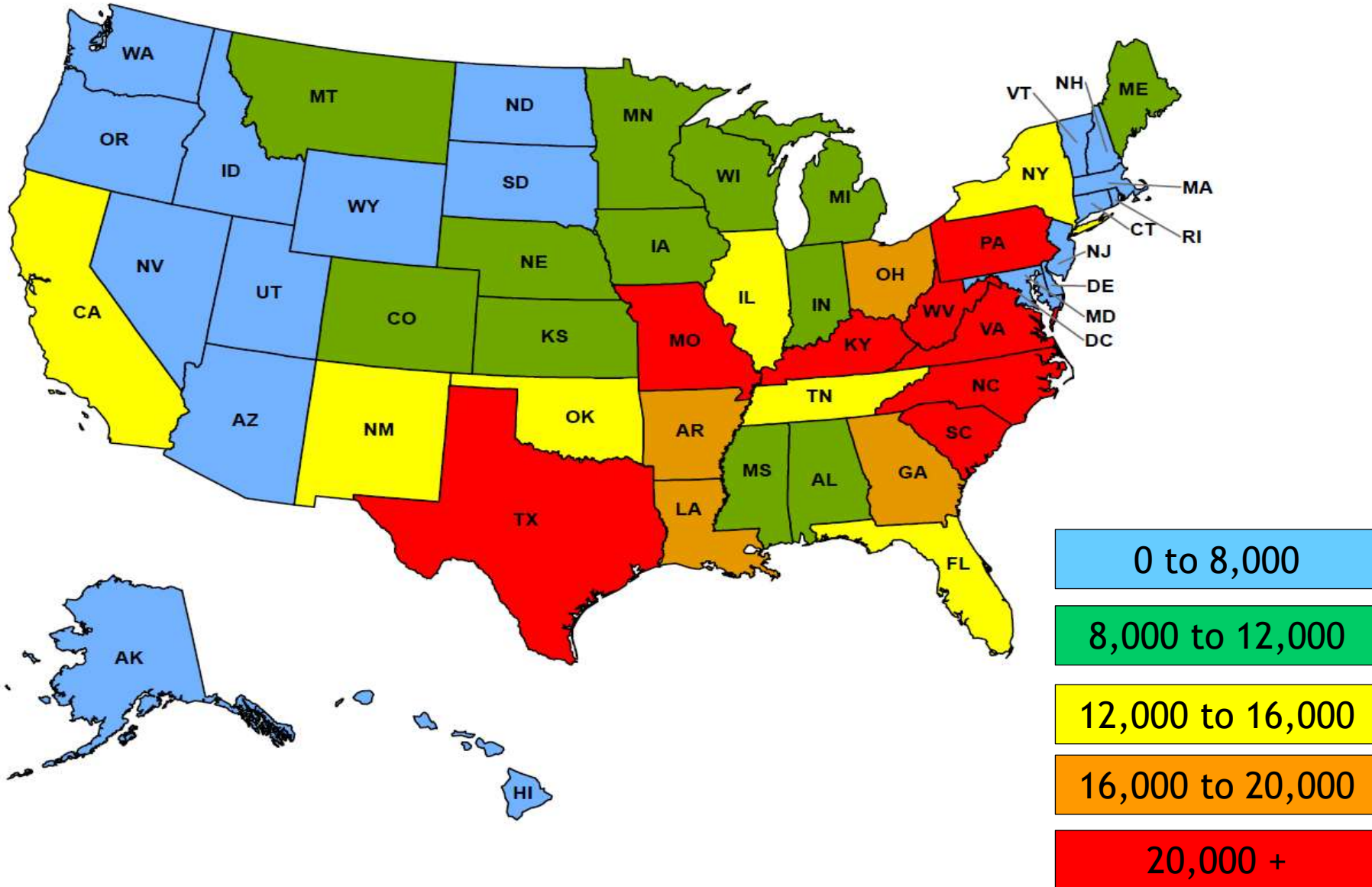
Construction



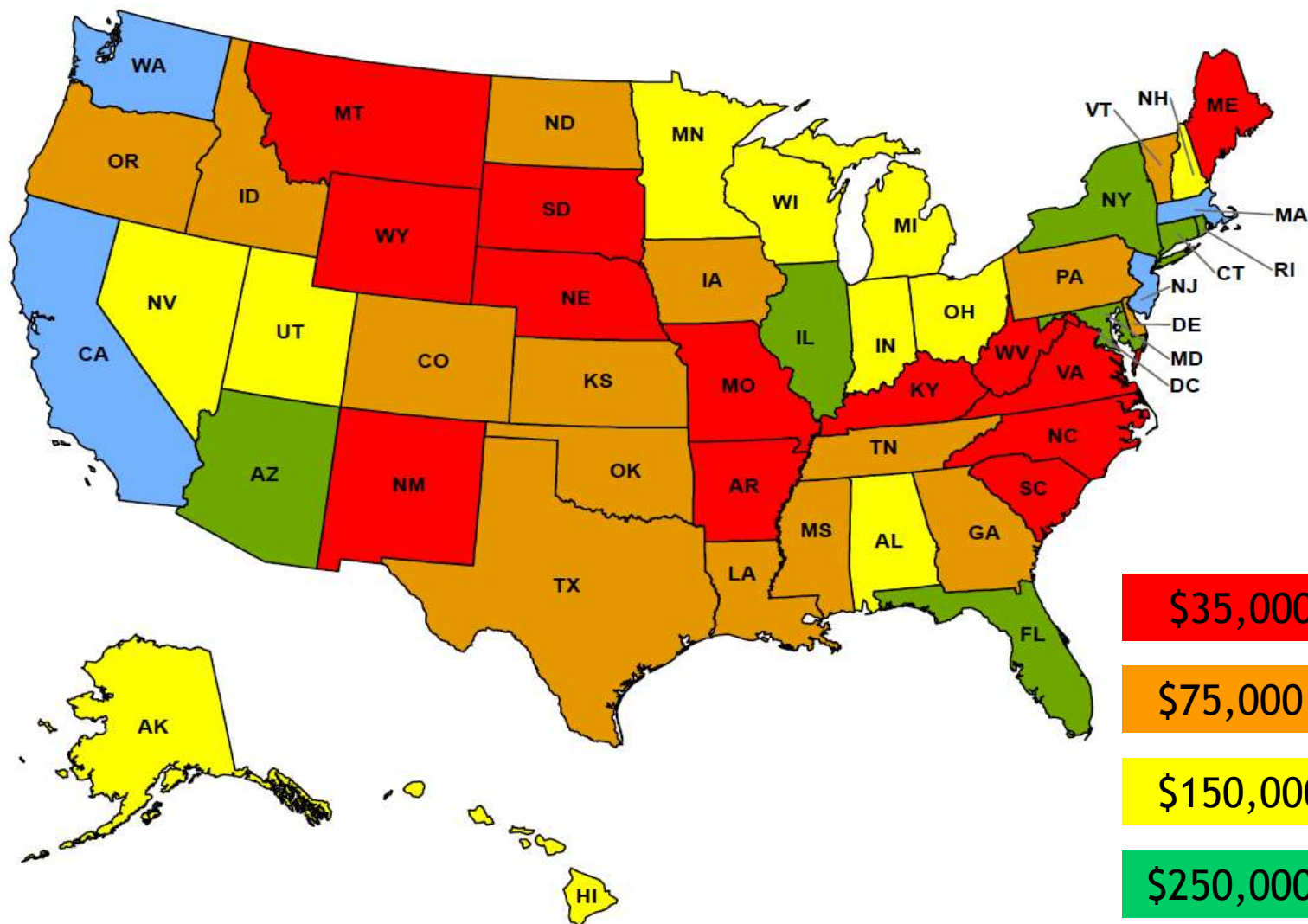
Legislation

- ✓ MAP-21 Extension Expires December 4, 2015
- ✓ Conference Committee agreed to new bill
Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
(FAST Act)

Arkansas ranks 12th in number of miles at 16,411 miles



Arkansas ranks 40th in revenue per mile at \$70,525



\$35,000 to \$75,000

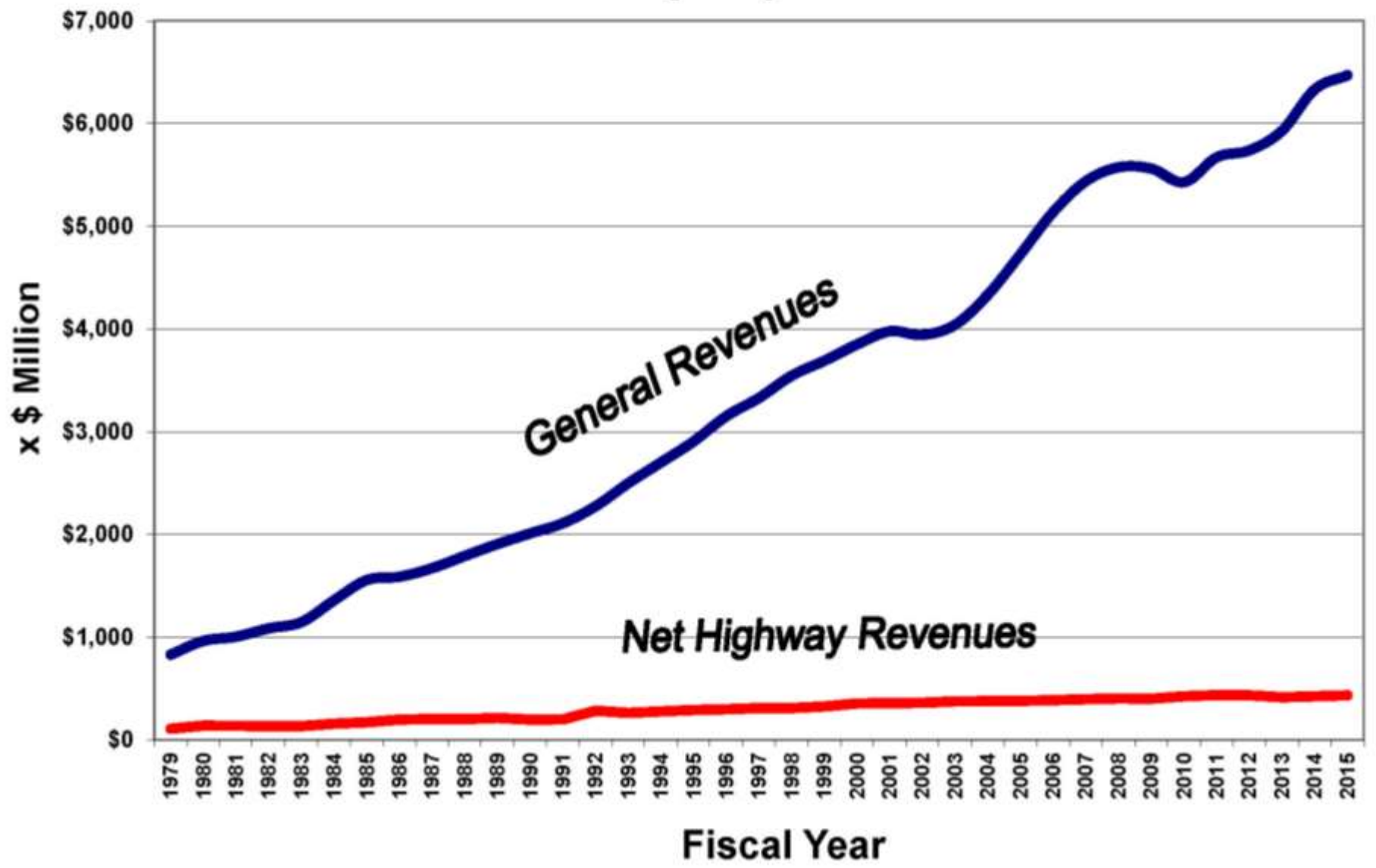
\$75,000 to \$150,000

\$150,000 to 250,000

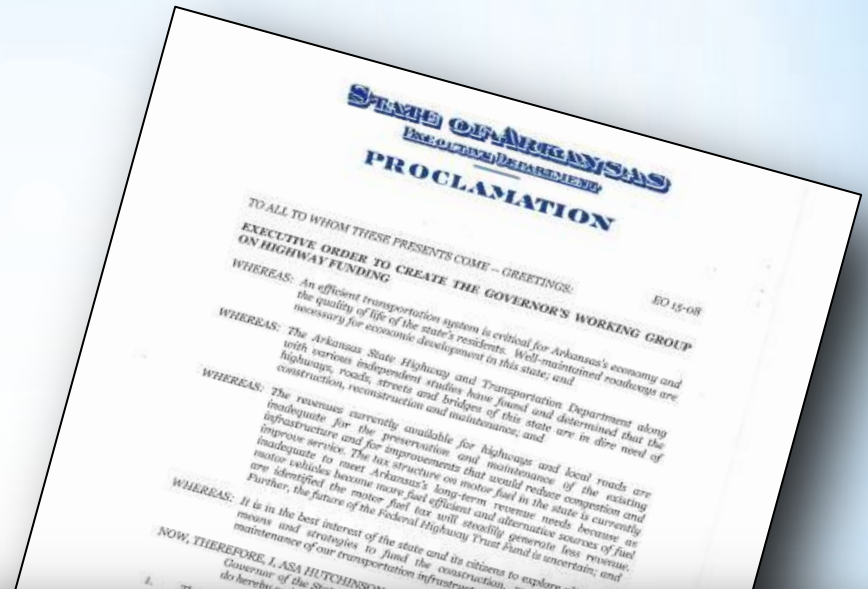
\$250,000 to \$500,000

\$500,000 +

Arkansas State General Revenues vs AHTD Net Highway Revenues



Governor's Working Group on Highway Funding



“An efficient transportation system is critical for Arkansas’ economy and the quality of life of the state’s residents.”

The Chamber of Commerce;
the State Department of Higher Education;
the Department of Finance & Administration;
and other agencies that have knowledge of the
transportation and/or finance industries.

Governor's Working Group

Recent Suggestions

- Motor fuel tax increase of 10¢ per gallon
- Motor fuel tax increase of 15¢ per gallon phased in over 3 years
- Indexing motor fuel tax to match inflation
- Change the 70/15/15 split with Counties and Cities
- Transfer \$4 million from Diesel Tax to AHTD
- 3.2% of the half-cent sales tax revenue transferred to the State Central Services fund
- State sales tax rebate
- Transfer \$20 million in State Surplus Funds
- Use of P3's, Public Private Partnerships

Key Findings of Arkansas Statewide Transportation Survey

Released
11/30/15

- Nearly all AR voters believe that roads and bridges are important to economic development and job growth
- A majority of AR voters believe that roads and bridges, K-12 education, and Social Security and Medicare are most essential government services
- Over two-thirds of AR voters would be more likely to re-elect their state legislator if they voted to increase funding for highways.

Key Findings of Arkansas Statewide Transportation Survey

Continued...

- Two-thirds of AR voters would be more likely to re-elect their state legislator if they referred a highway tax to the people
- A majority of AR voters believe that a larger portion of personal and business tax revenue should be dedicated to highway funding
- Among all of the options tested, support is highest for transferring existing vehicle sales tax for state highway improvements.
- A majority of voters prefer voter control over highway funding as opposed to legislature control

Additional Information

- ArkansasHighways.com
- ConnectingArkansasProgram.com
- Vimeo.com/AHTD
- IDriveArkansas.com
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