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Future of the Delta
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Economic Growth



and Transportation



Highway Investment





Highway Investment

How do highway investments in the state highway system translate into improvements in economic productivity?

A region's industrial and employment base is closely tied to the quality of the transportation system. Good, dependable transportation infrastructure allows businesses to receive inputs to production facilities and to transport finished goods to market in an efficient manner.

An efficient transportation system allows companies to lower transportation costs, which lowers production costs and enhances productivity and profits.



Budget

Where to spend money on a tight budget?

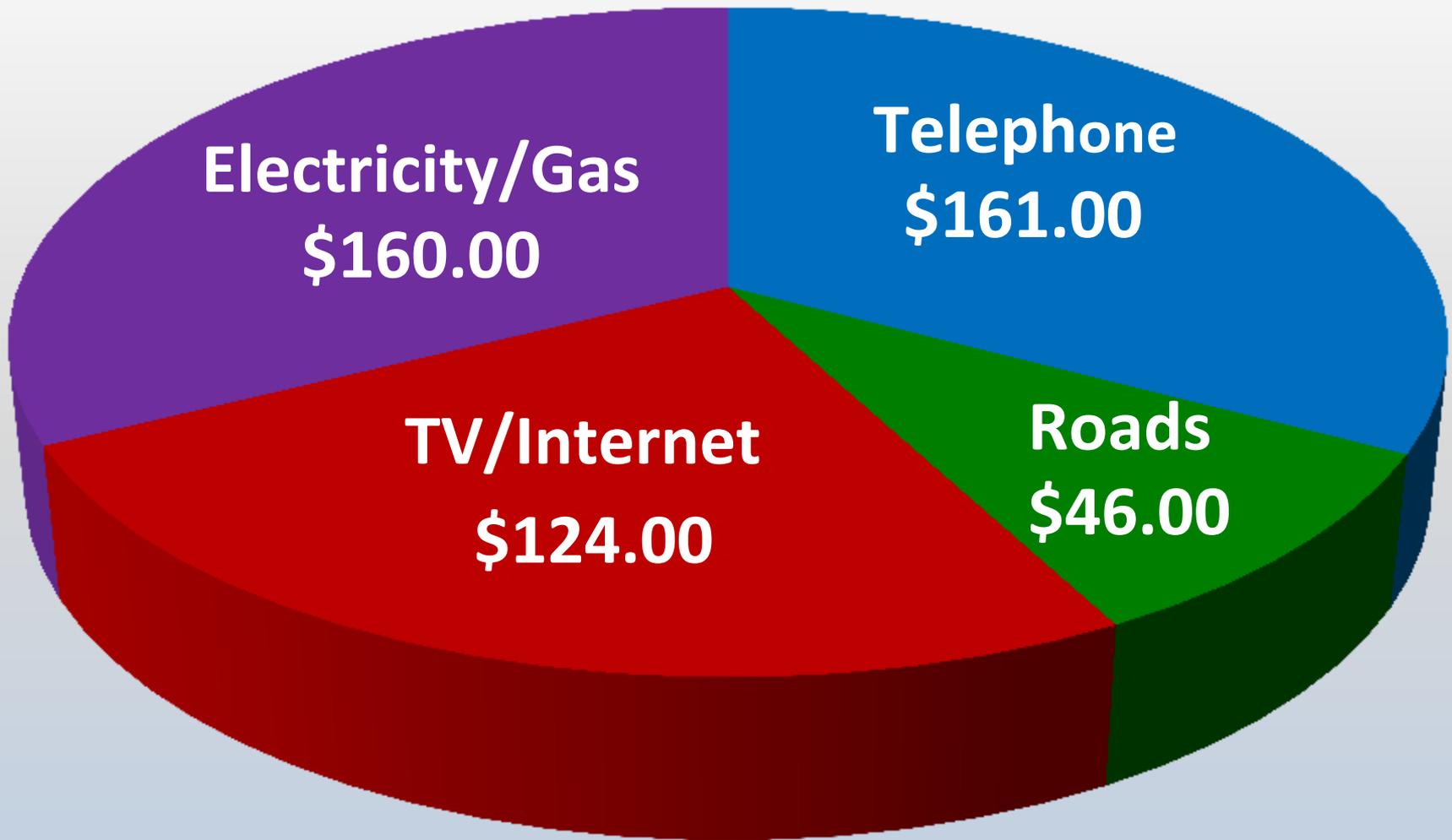


Funding Challenges

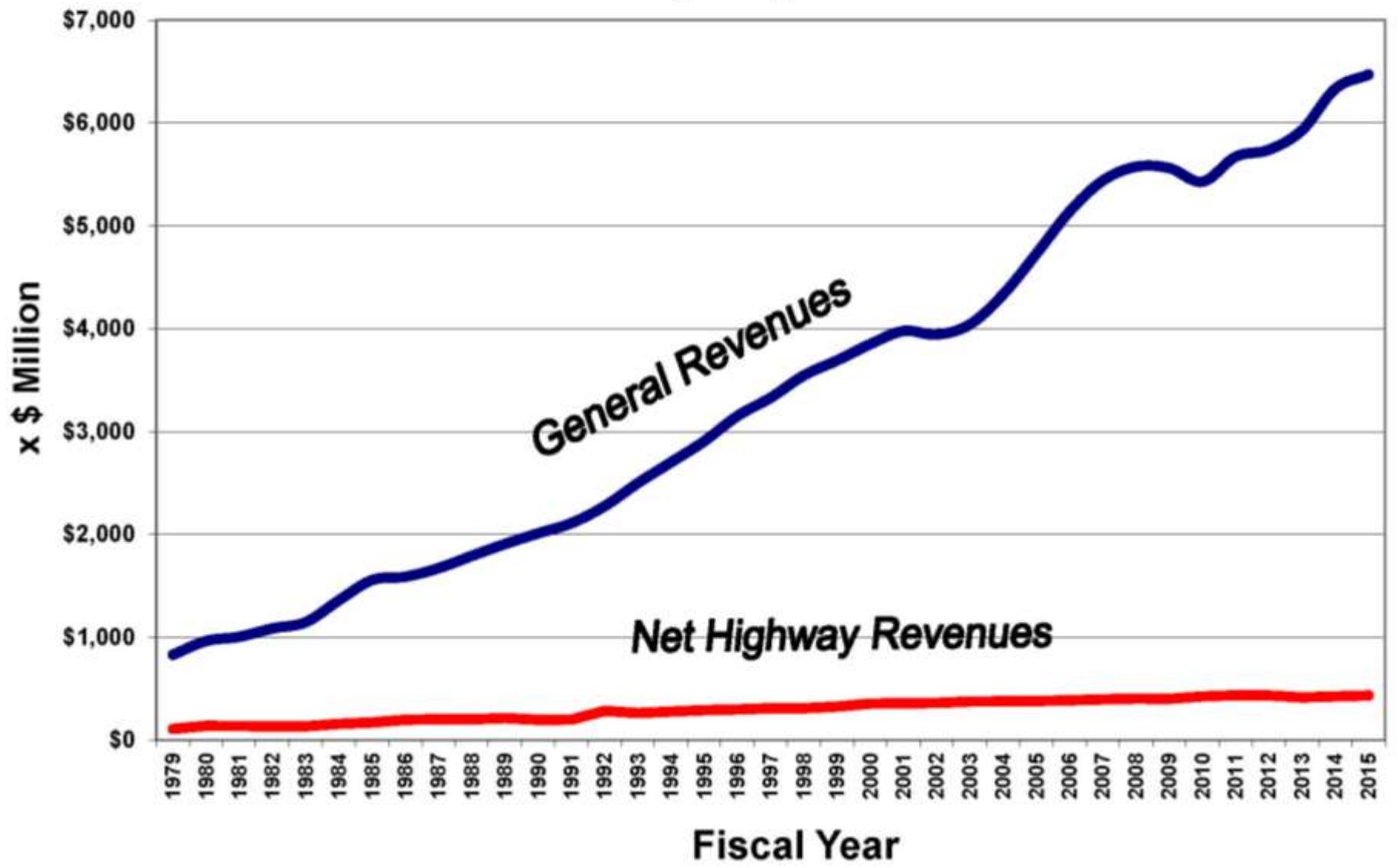




Average Monthly Household Expenditures



Arkansas State General Revenues vs AHTD Net Highway Revenues





\$100,000,000 Widening Program

THEN

22 years ago, in 1995,
33 miles of Highway
could be widened.

NOW

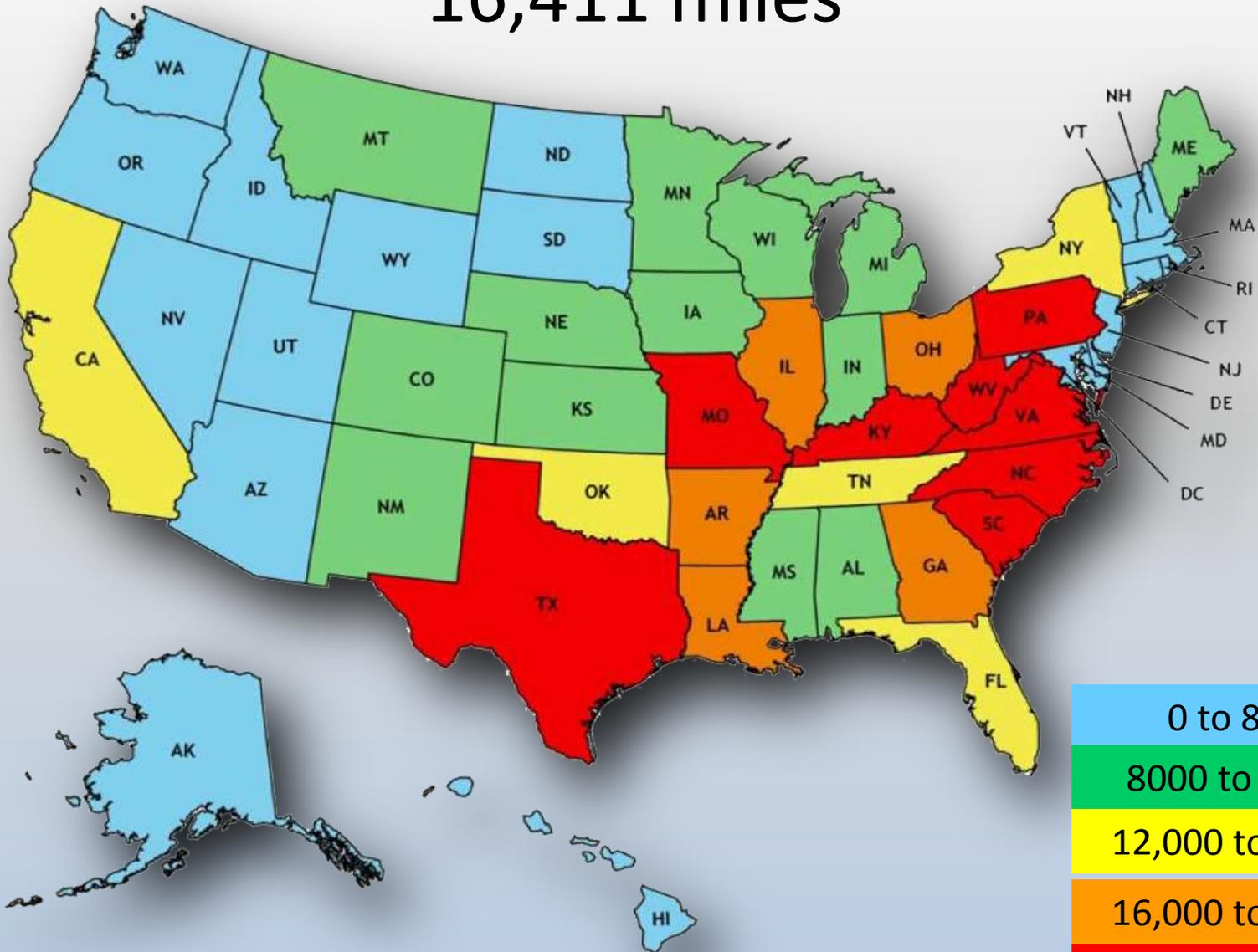
As of 2015, using the
same resources, only
15 miles of Highway
could be widened.





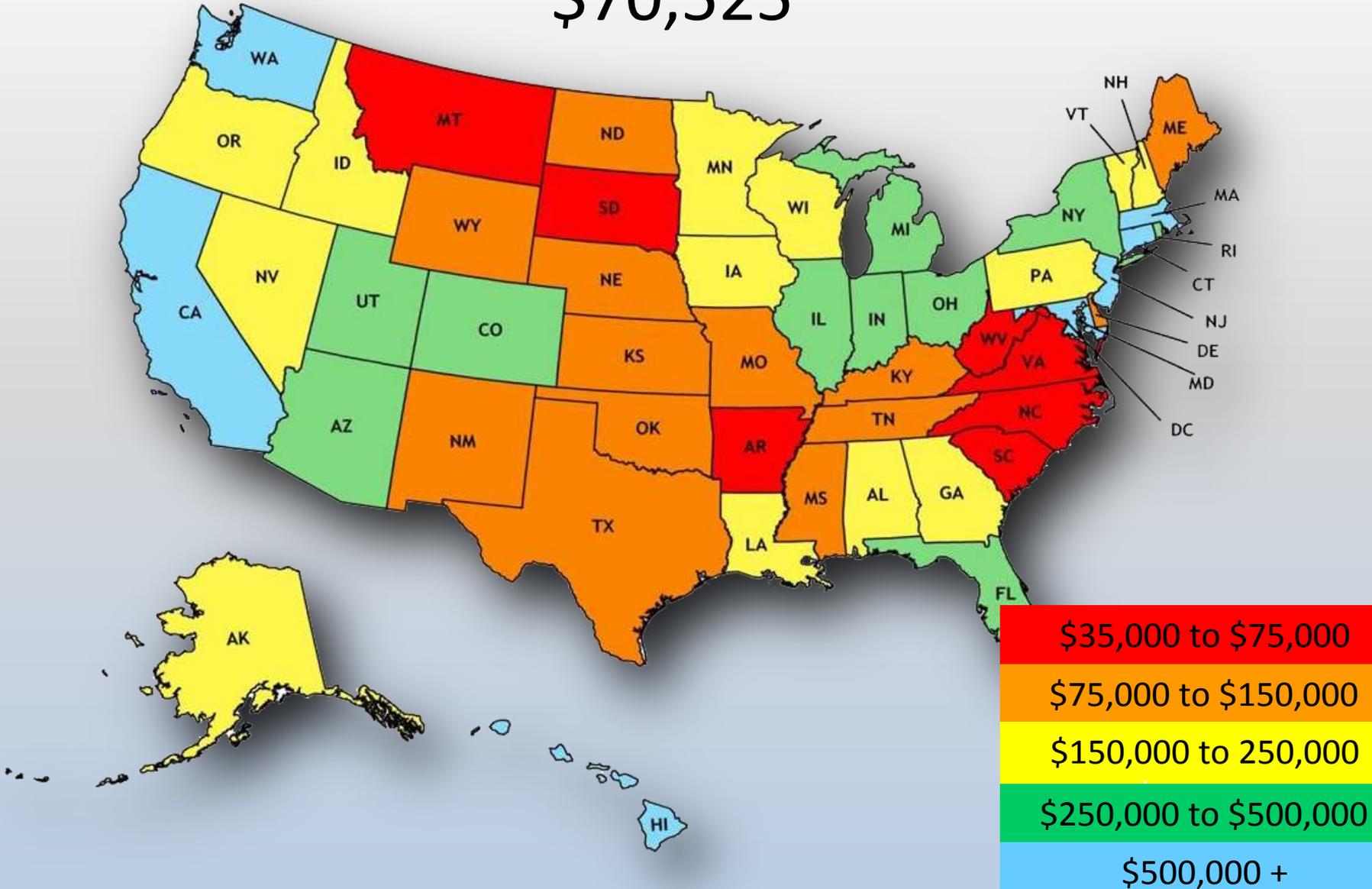
12th in Number of Miles

16,411 miles



40th in Revenue Per Mile

\$70,525



Plans for



The Delta



Arkansas Interstate 69 Update





I-69 in Arkansas



I-69 Corridor





Great River Bridge



Future I-69 Great River Bridge

Desha County, Arkansas
Bolivar County, Mississippi



PH: PH: CLD: 12-1-2018

- Design Complete
- Estimated Cost - \$1.3 Billion
 - ✓ Arkansas' Portion - \$910 Million
- Right of Way Acquisition Substantially Complete



I-69 Great River Bridge

Spanning a River – Connecting a Nation



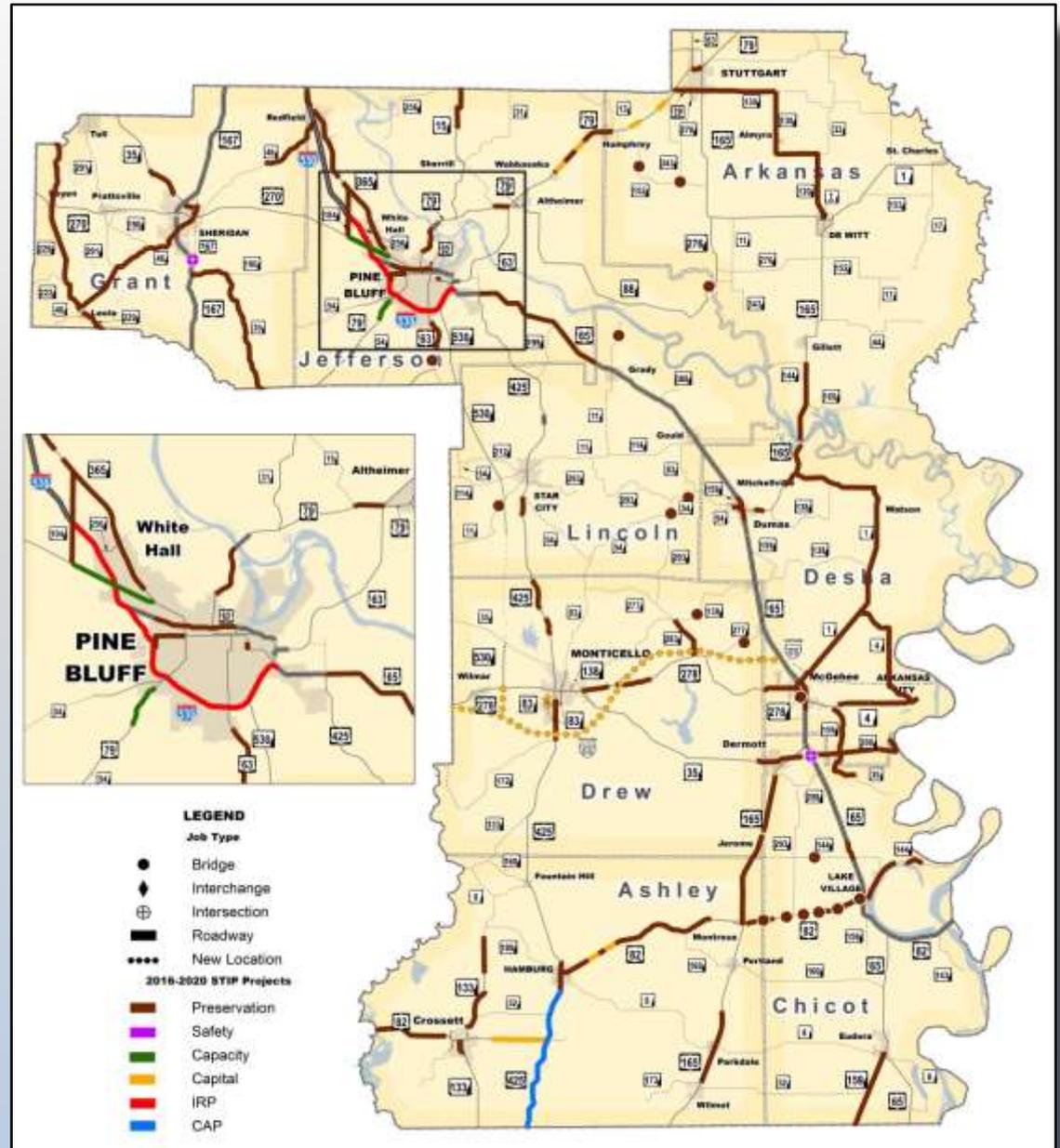
I-69 Funding Summary



Status	Miles	Total (millions)
Complete	-	-
Under Construction	8.5	\$ 13
Scheduled	11.3	\$ 75
Unfunded	122.0	\$ 2,953
Totals	141.8	\$ 3,041



District 2 - STIP



The current STIP amount for District 2 projects is \$407 Million.



Highway Investment

Good Highways are vital to connecting people to the State's second largest industry:

Tourism





Arkansas Tourism

The Economic Impact of tourism in Arkansas

\$7,000,000,000

Throughout Arkansas from visitors to Arkansas



Arkansas Tourism

“The Delta is the new frontier in Arkansas tourism.”

-Governor Asa Hutchinson



Delta of the Past





Delta of the Future

The Arkansas Delta Project

Building partnerships for prosperity

Three counties are embracing a growing number of traditional industries in order to do the old-fashioned thing and market them all. Arkansas' Mississippi River Delta. Existing new resources provide a pathway for the Delta's remaining gaps, while new partnerships and private investments are paving the way for the future.

Legend

- Delta Heritage Trail**
 - Completed or Under Construction
 - Planned Development
- Great River Road**
 - Completed Route
 - Mississippi River Trail
 - Completed Route
- Resources**
 - Art and Crafts
 - Bed and Breakfasts
 - Educational Sites
 - Entertainment Opportunities
 - Historic Places
 - Logging, Parks, and Bait
 - Restaurants & Inns
 - Shops
 - Natural Resources & Recreational Areas
 - Cultural Attractions
 - Palace Centers
 - Regional Regional Structures

Arkansas GROWN

Arkansas Delta Byways

Arkansas Delta Project

[The Arkansas Delta Project brings government and community leaders together to forge new partnerships, build upon strategic alliances, and provide the highest quality of life and economic growth for the the region.]



The Future of the Delta depends upon...

Vision
V
A
Action

Perseverance