Economic Growth and Transportation
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?
Average Monthly Household Expenditures

- Electricity/Gas: $160.00
- TV/Internet: $124.00
- Roads: $46.00
- Telephone: $161.00
$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

$35,000 to $75,000
$75,000 to $150,000
$150,000 to 250,000
$250,000 to $500,000
$500,000 +
Plans for The Delta
Arkansas
Interstate 69
Update
- 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

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The current STIP amount for District 2 projects is $407 Million.
Good Highways are vital to connecting people to the State’s second largest industry: \textbf{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

[Map of the Arkansas Delta Project with a legend explaining various points of interest and a narrative about the project's goals.}

[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

Action

Perseverance