

SD DOT

Update



South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT)

US News ranks SD second best in road quality

NEWS

South Dakota has some of the best roads in the U.S., according to U.S. News and World Report



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U.S. News and World Report ranked all 50 states by the [quality of their roads](#) – and South Dakota is near the top.

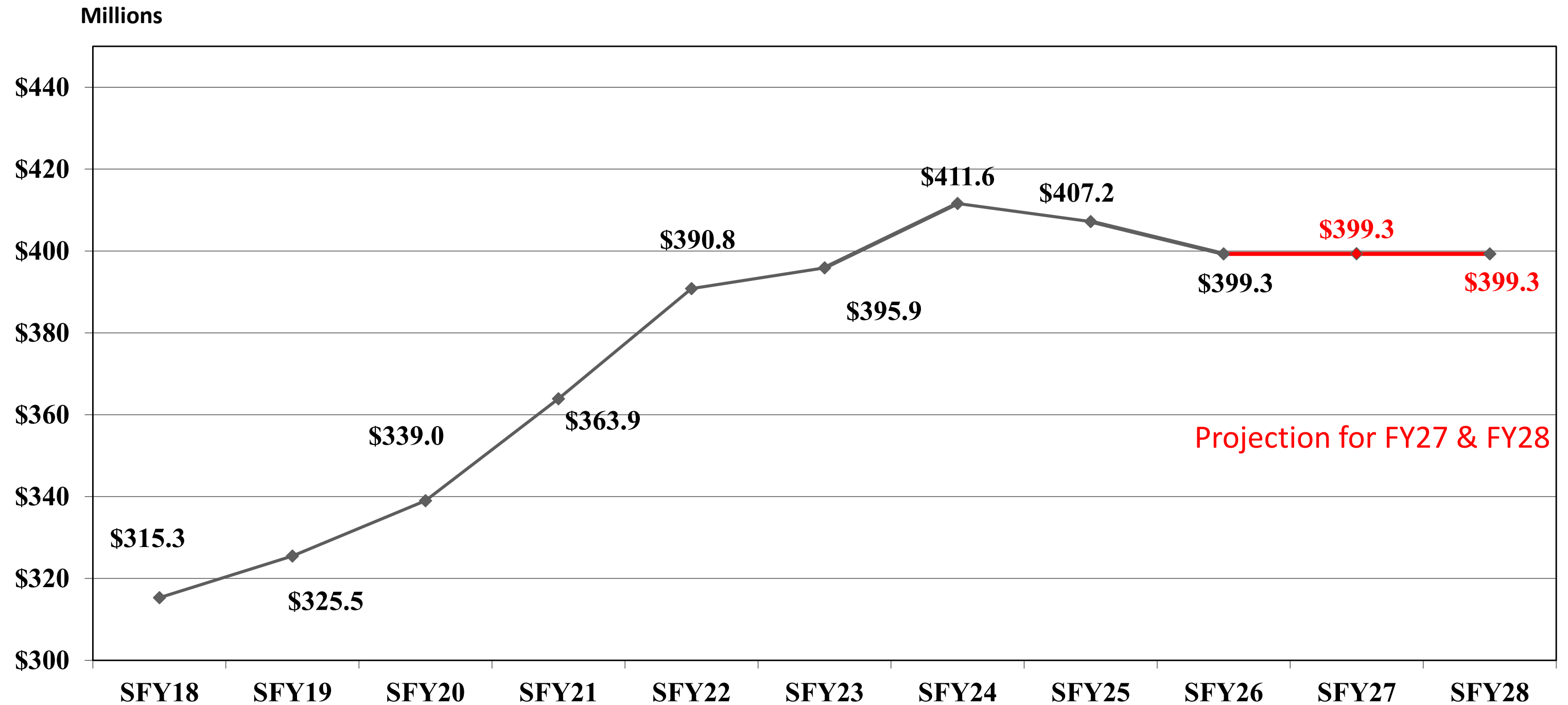
The quality of each state's roads were ranked using data from the Federal Highway Administration that shows the percentage of road miles considered to be in poor condition.

U.S. News ranks South Dakota second-best in road quality: South Dakotans react



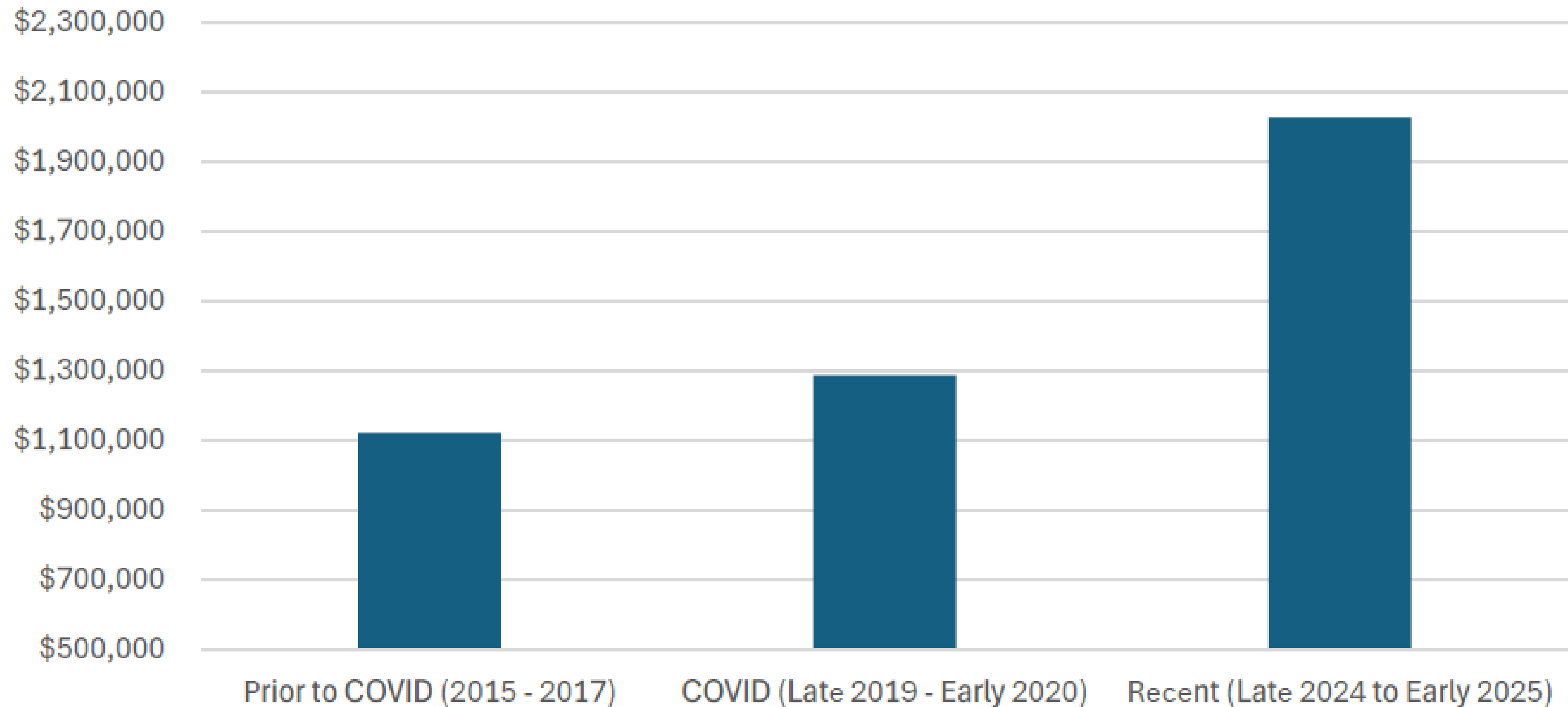
Revenue and Funding

Total State Highway Fund Revenues SFY2018-SFY2026 Collections

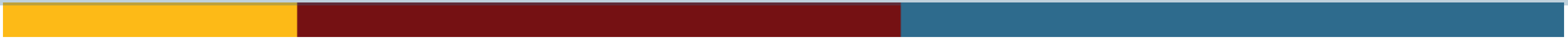


Inflation Chart

Average Cost to Reconstruct 1 Mile of Rural Road



Inflation Chart

A horizontal bar chart consisting of three segments. The first segment on the left is yellow, the middle segment is dark red, and the third segment on the right is blue. The segments are of varying lengths, with the dark red segment being the longest.

FY2020 vs FY2026

Snow Plow Truck cost:

\$279,800 vs \$420,000 (50.1% Increase)

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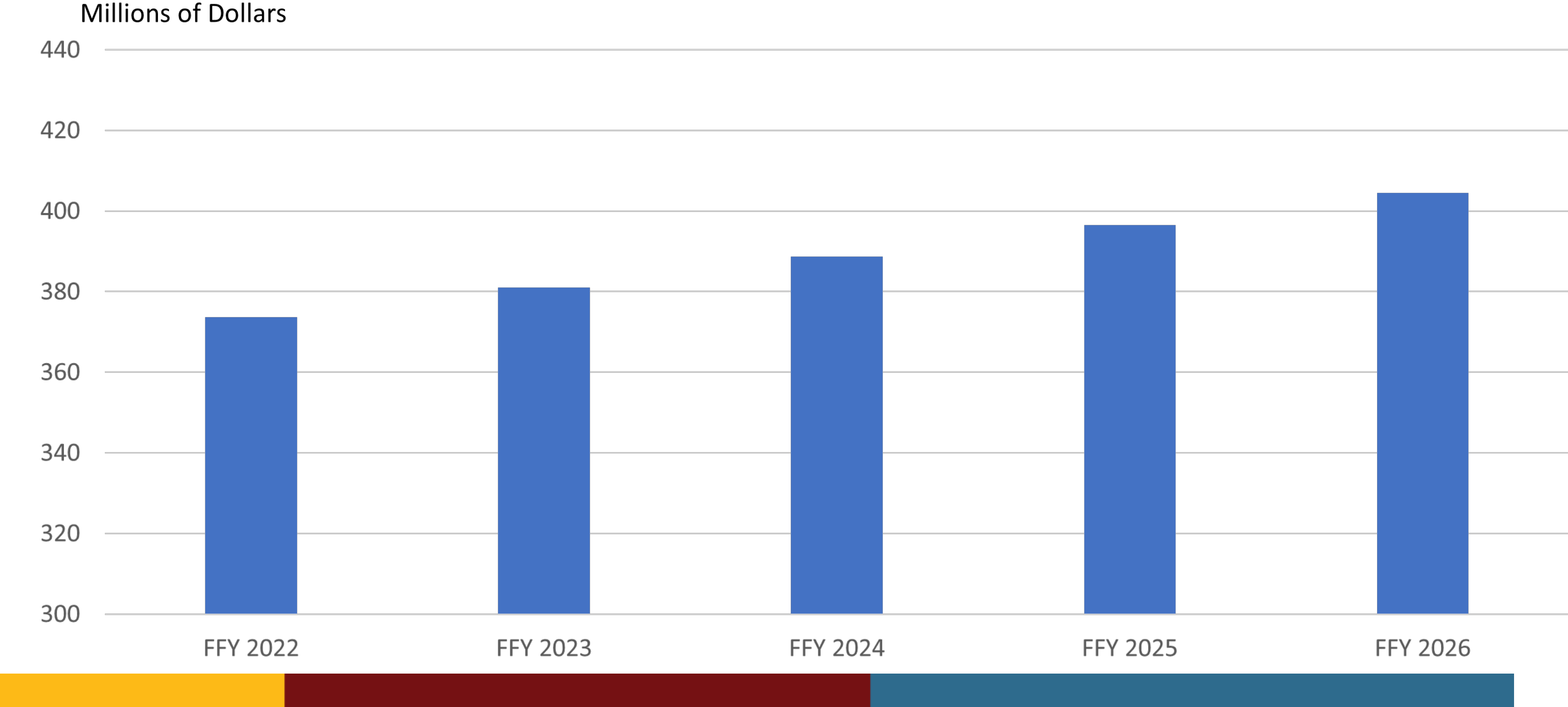
\$210,000 vs \$325,000 (54.8% Increase)

Maintenance Shop Replacement cost:

\$166.5/sqft vs \$338/sqft (103% Increase)

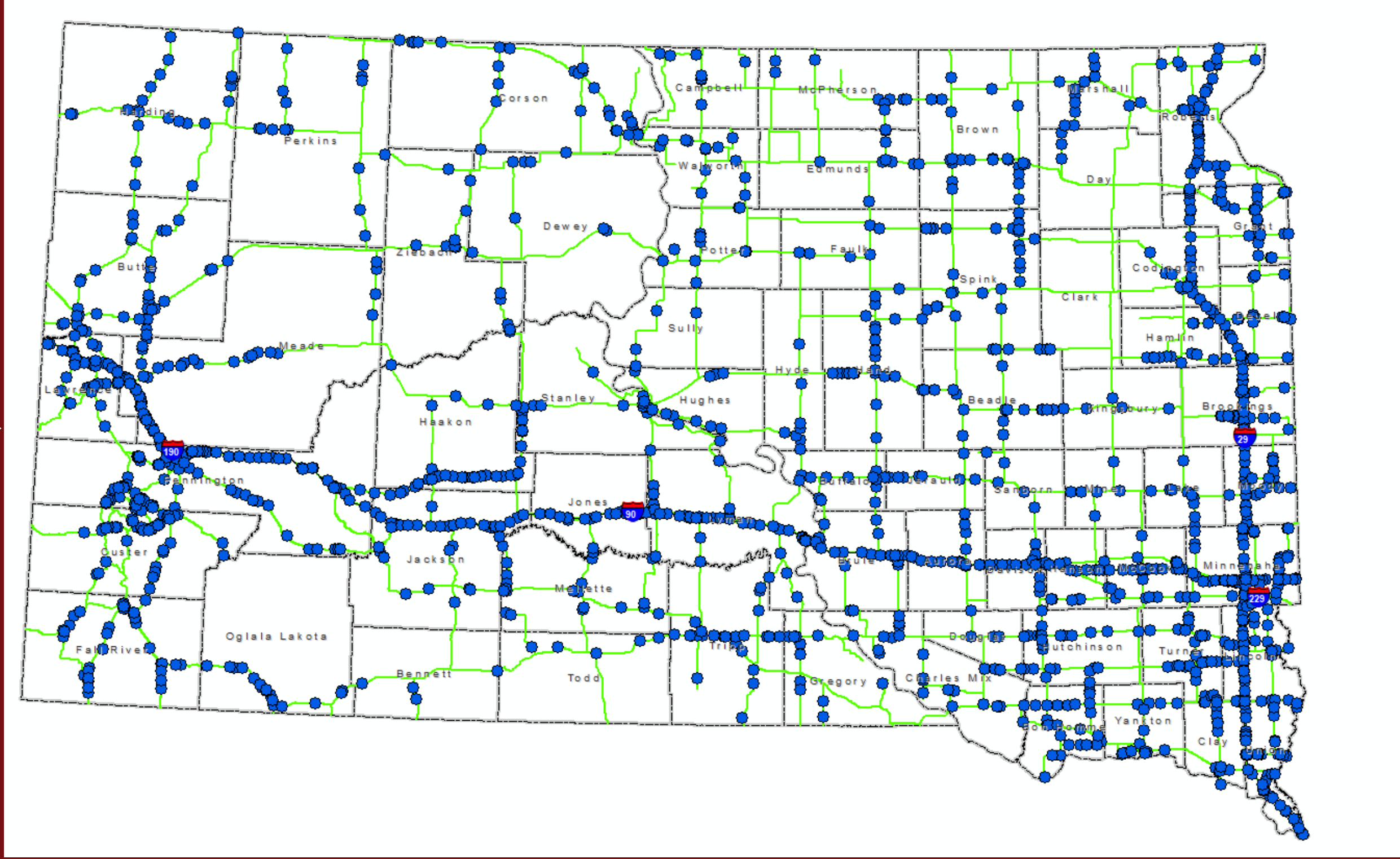
Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act - Highways and Bridges

FFY 2022 – 2026 Formula Appropriations



Federal and State Funding Allocation to Local Governments		
	Millions	Federal and/or State
STP - Counties	\$18.0	Federal
STP - Cities	\$16.4	Federal
Match on STP Funds	\$2.8	State
Bridge Improvement Grants (BIG)	\$18.5	State
State Transportation Loans	\$6.3	State
Bridge Inspections	\$2.8	Federal
Safety Projects	\$8.9	Federal
Statewide Striping Projects	\$0.5	State
Railroad Crossing Improvement Projects	\$2.5	Federal
Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)	\$8.3	Federal
Planning and Research Funds	\$2.8	Federal
Transit Planning Funds	\$0.6	Federal
Community Access Grants	\$4.0	State
Total	\$92.4	

State Highway Structures



STATE STRUCTURES

1,839 Total Structures

1823 SDDOT & 16 SDGF&P

1251 Bridges

588 Culverts



The Average State-owned Structure in South Dakota is 47 years old

58% of state-owned bridges are at least 50 years old

National average bridge age is 47 years old

More than half (54%) of the state-owned bridges from the 1960's and 1970's are Interstate related

State Structures by Decade of Original Construction



■ Poor ■ Fair ■ Good

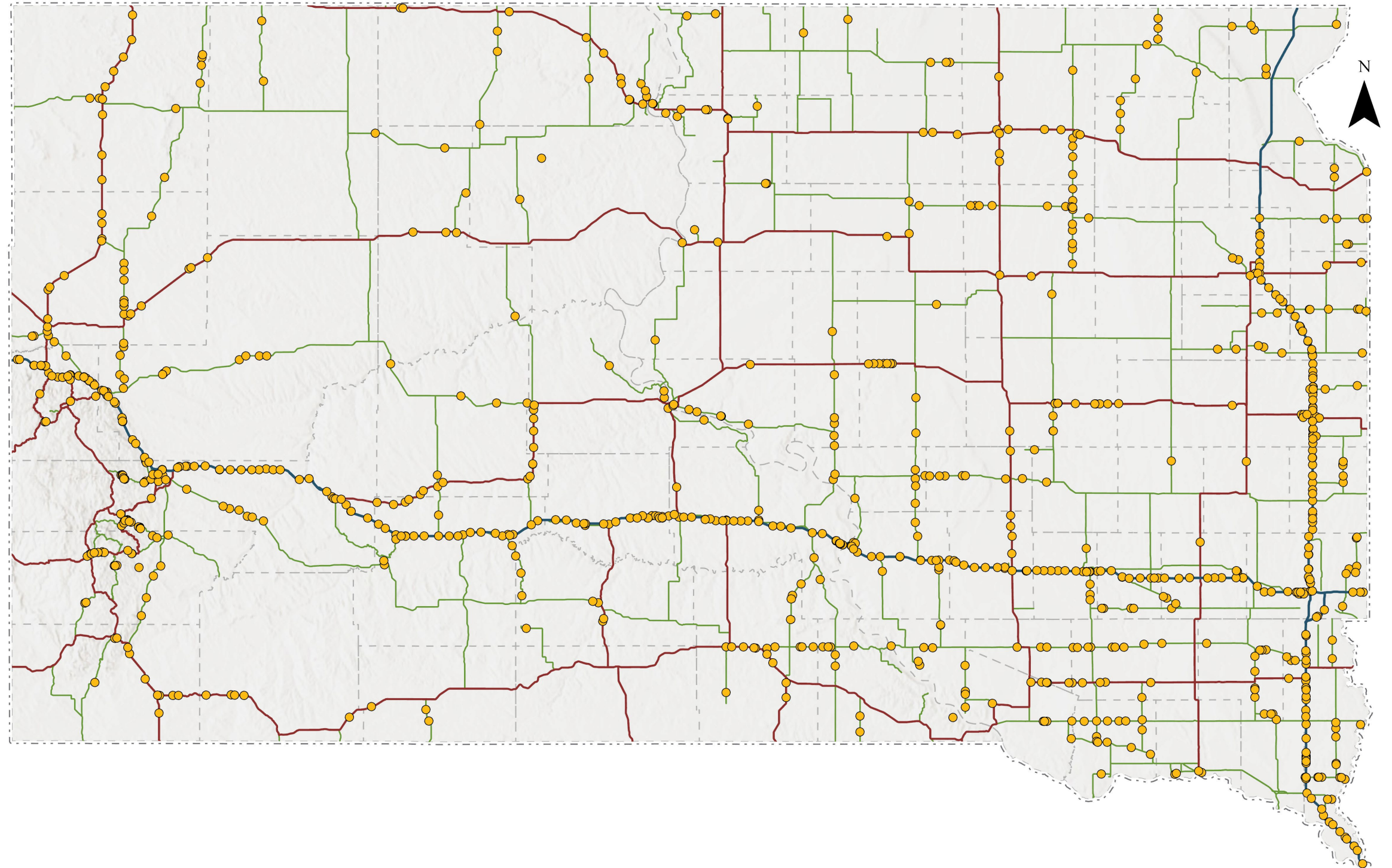
STATE STRUCTURES

1,839 Total Structures

57% > 50 years old

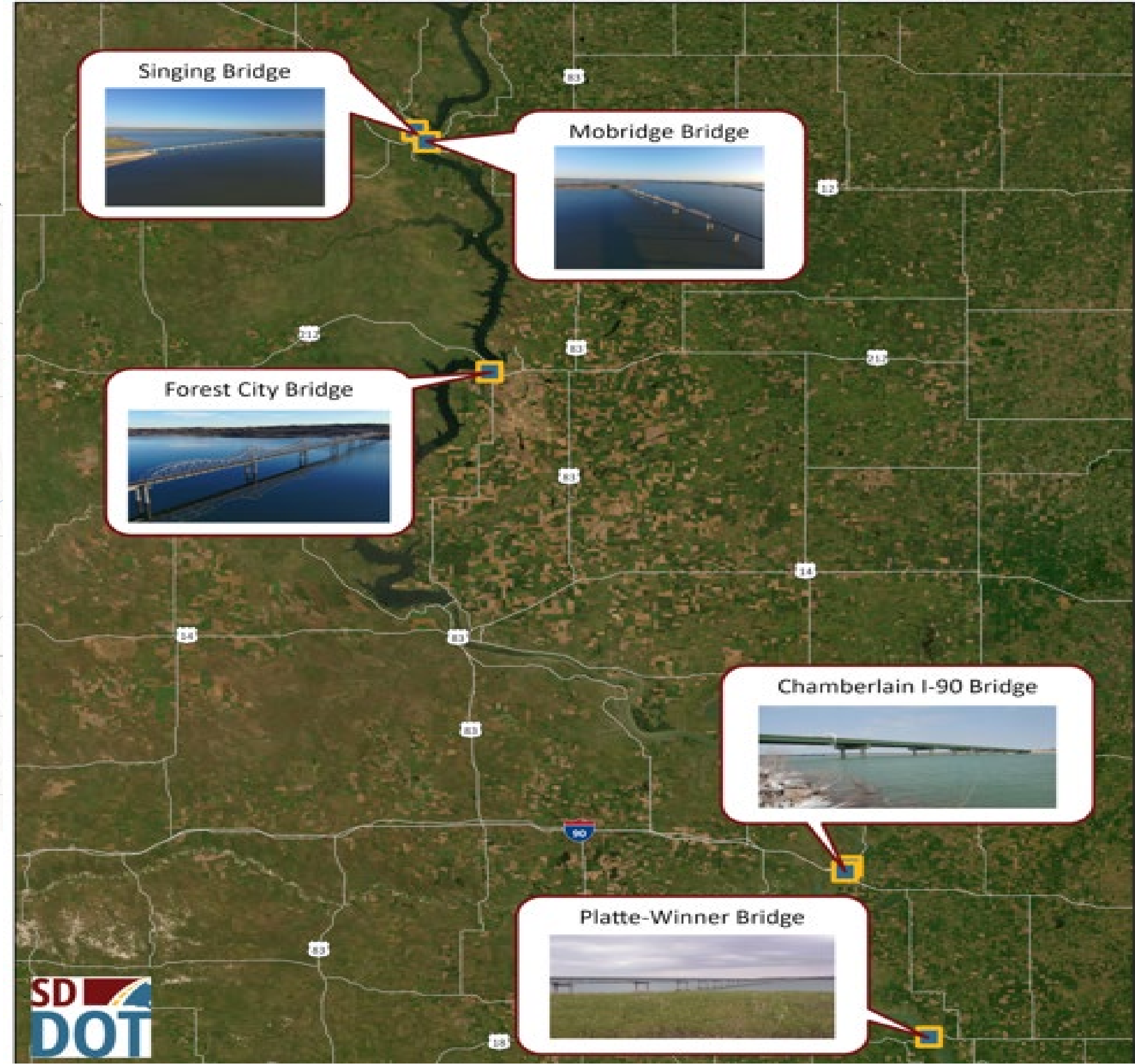
Our aging inventory will create challenges in the near future. A preliminary estimate is that 884 bridges will need to be replaced in the next 20 years at a cost of \$1.8 Billion.

Map of State Structures at least 50 years old

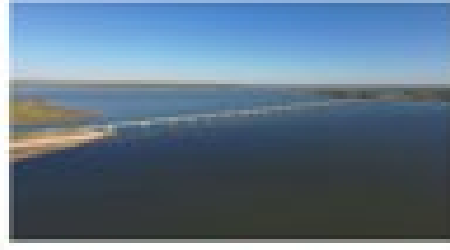


South Dakota Department of Transportation, 2026.

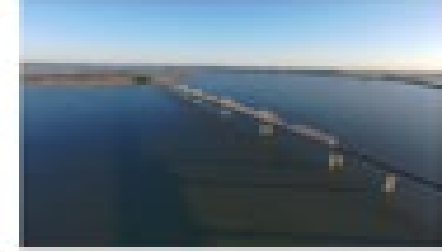
5 Major Crossings to Replace



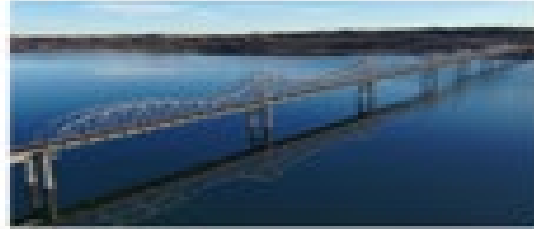
Singing Bridge



Mobridge Bridge



Forest City Bridge



Chamberlain I-90 Bridge



Platte-Winner Bridge



Major Bridge Project *In the Works:*

**Platte-Winner Bridge
on SD44**

FY 2026

\$250 Million

Final Plans Complete

Major Bridge Project *In the Works:*

**US 212 over Missouri
near Forest City**

2032 Letting

\$400 Million

**Route Location
Study Underway**

Major Bridge Project *In the Works:*

**US 12 over the Missouri
River along with a BNSF
Crossing in Mobridge**

FY 2034

\$313 Million

Study to begin soon

Major Bridge Project *In the Works:*

**I90 over the Missouri
River near Chamberlain**

FY 2038

\$298 Million

Long Range Planning

Major Bridge Project *In the Works:*

**SD 1806 over the Grand
River (Singing Bridge)**

FY2039

\$218 Million

Long Range Planning



Total anticipated investment for the five structures is \$1.5 Billion



FUNDING FOR STATE STRUCTURES

▶ STATE FUNDS

Fuel Tax & Excise Tax

- Match for federal funds
- Structure maintenance

▶ FEDERAL FUNDS

Federal legislation-IIJA

- Bridge Formula Funds
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds
- Discretionary funds
 - Bridge Investment Program

Thank You



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