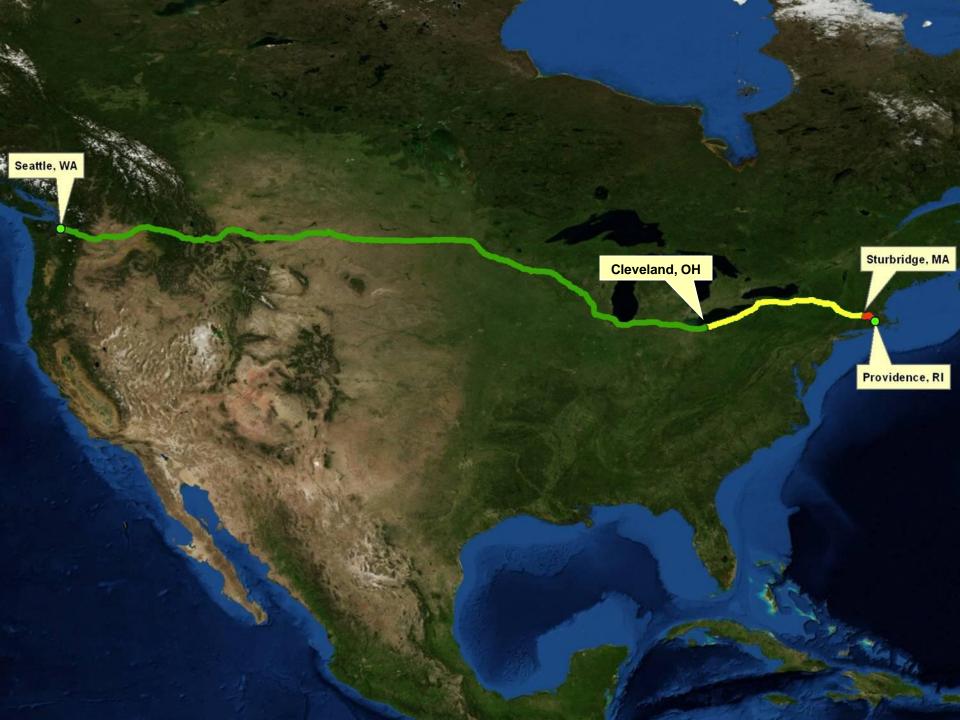
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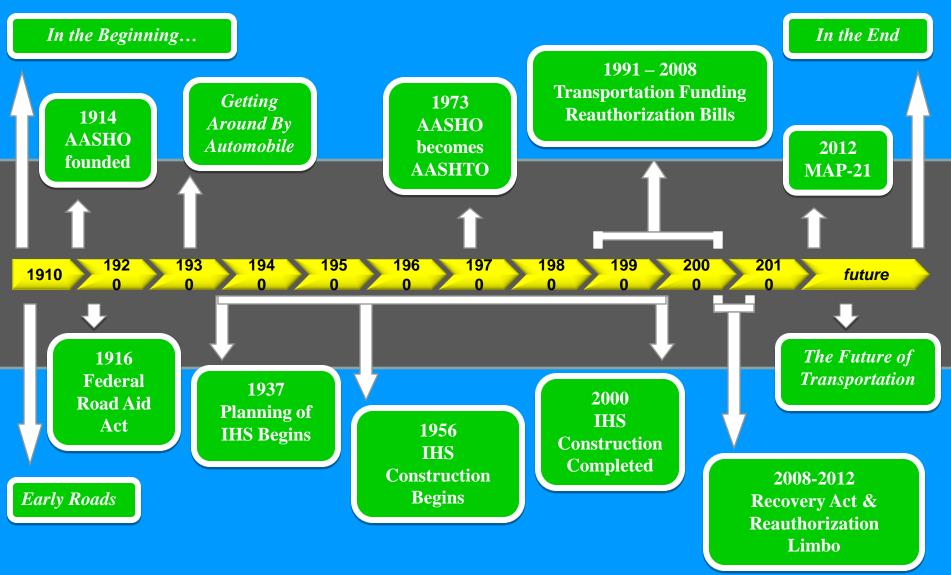
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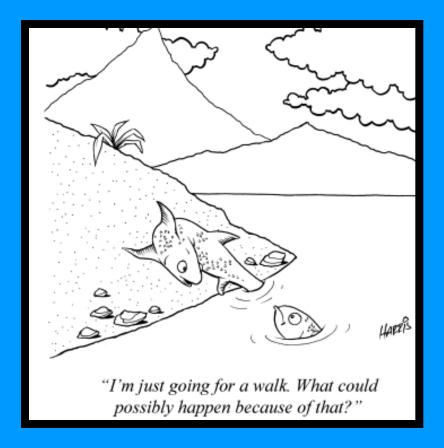
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### A Road to the Future: One Hundred Years of a Driven Culture



# In the Beginning...



### Early Roads Often Left Something to Be Desired



December 12, 1914 American Association of State Highway Officials Established



# July 11, 1916 Federal Aid Road Act was Signed Into Law by President Woodrow Wilson



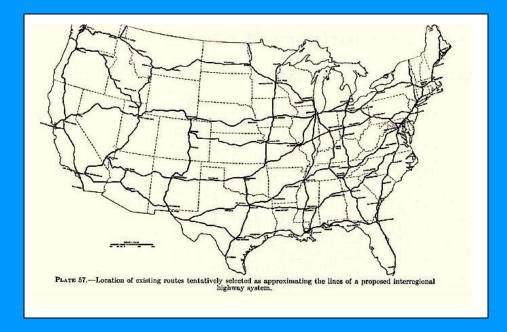


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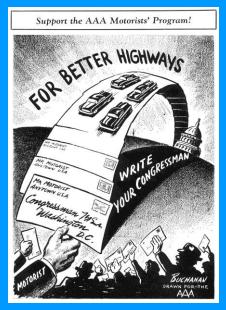
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#### President Franklin Delano Roosevelt Begins to Plan a Federal Highway System



### 1956 Construction of the Federal Interstate System Begins









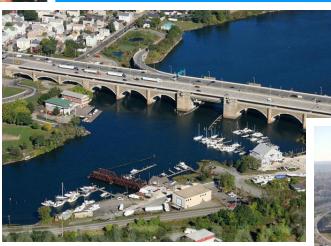


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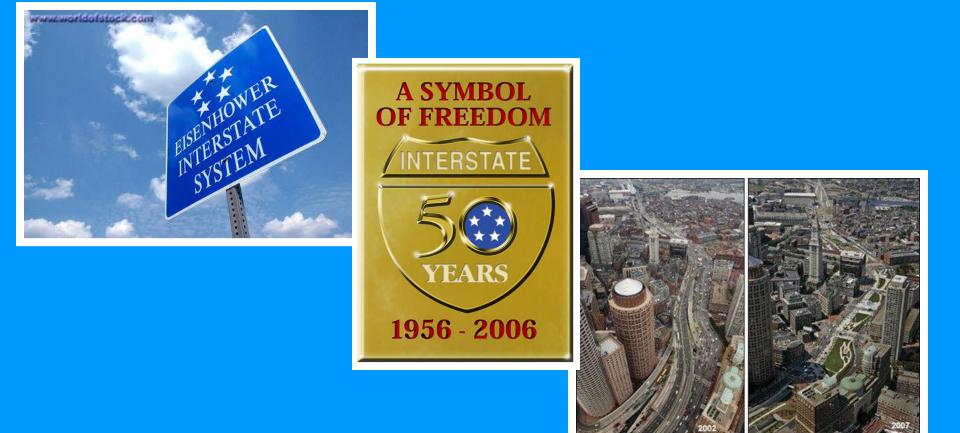






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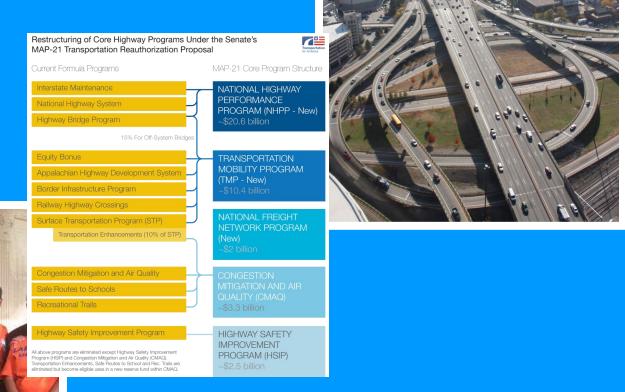
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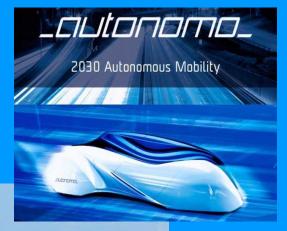






### **The Future of Transportation**

"In the future, you'll simply jump into your car, turn on the Internet, turn on a movie and sit back and relax and turn on the automatic pilot, and the car will drive itself." – Dr. Michio Kaku



FEB. 7--THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY MAY BE PRODUCING CLAP POWER IN THE YEARS ANEAD, JAMES C. ZEDER.

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# In the End

"There is no work more worthwhile. I have yet to know any man who has devoted a considerable period of his life to the building of roads who is not conscious of having accomplished results whose returns to the public service can scarcely be measured." ~ Thomas H. MacDonald

from The Big Roads by Earl Swift