

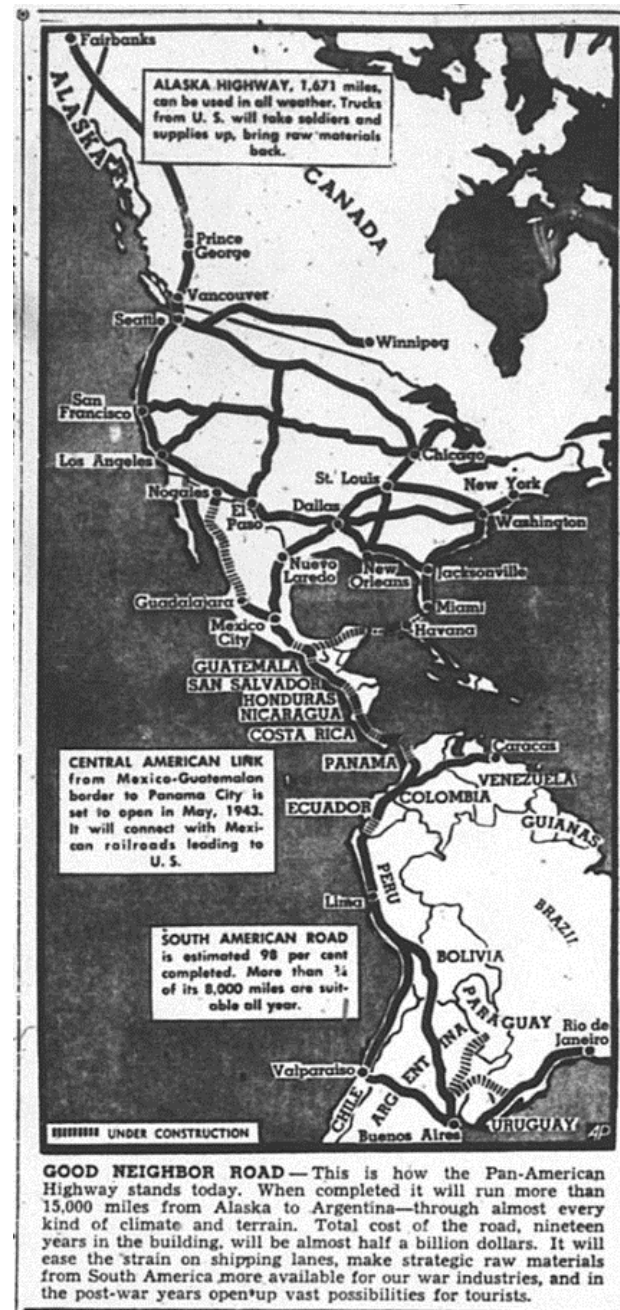
# Connecting with Funding

Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting



The Good Neighbor Road on November 27, 1942. This was a news article on the completion of the Pan-American Highway.

“It will ease the strain of shipping lanes, make strategic raw materials from South America more available for our war industries, and in the post-war years open up vast opportunities for tourists.”



# Funding History of the Interstate Corridors

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- ❑ **In 1956**, President Eisenhower signed the **Federal-Aid Highway Act**. (Authorized **\$25B** to build **41,000 miles** of Interstate Highways over twelve years)
- ❑ **October 14, 1992**: The original Interstate Highway System is proclaimed to be complete with the opening of **I-70 through Glenwood Canyon in Colorado**.
- ❑ When completed, the IH system ended up costing **\$114 billion** (equivalent to **\$618 billion** in 2023) and took **35 years**.





# Funding History of National High Priority Corridors

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- ❑ **Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)**
  - ❑ **Corridors were designated** in Federal transportation legislation as **high priority corridors** on the National Highway System. The ISTEA originally designated 21 corridors. Authorized funding for FY 92-97 for some HPC segments
  
- ❑ **Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) (1998)**
  - ❑ authorized funding for fiscal years 1998 through 2003 for **some specific high priority corridor** segments.
  - ❑ **Also, some formula funds** from several programs were used to fund improvements to HPC's.
  - ❑ In addition, beginning in FY 1999, the planning and development of high priority corridors was eligible for funding under the **discretionary National Corridor Planning and Development Program.**



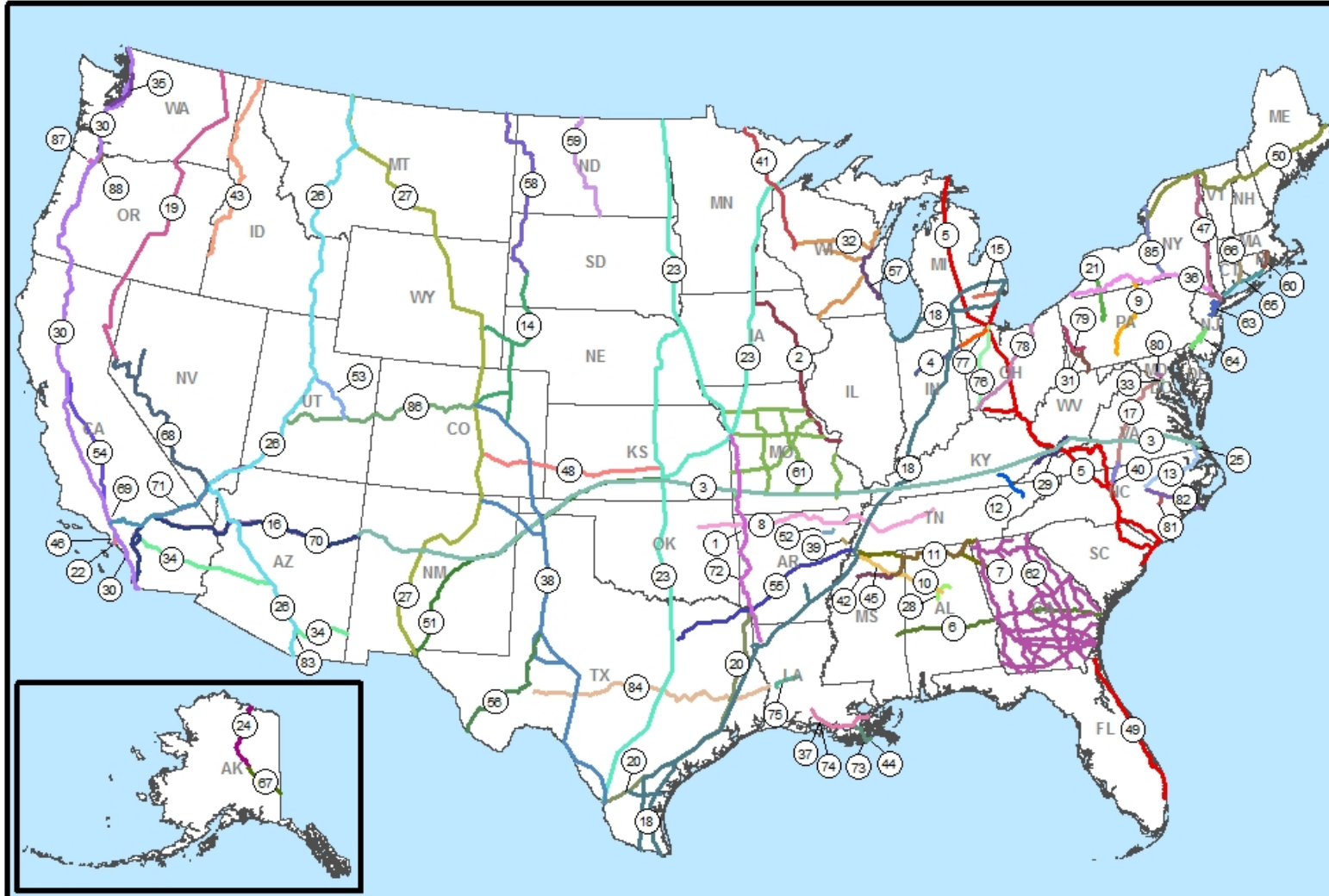
# Funding History of National High Priority Corridors

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- ❑ **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (2005)**
  - ❑ Various sections for SAFETEA-LU provided funds for these high priority corridors.
  - ❑ Formula funds for the NHS, STP, Bridge Program, the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program and in certain instances, Interstate Maintenance may be used to fund improvements to high priority corridors.
  
- ❑ **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (2015)**
  - ❑ There were **no funding allocations** to specific projects.
  - ❑ The authorization of "such sums as may be necessary" in SAFETEA-LU continues, but funds will be available only if appropriated by Congress.
  - ❑ MAP-21 identified national goal areas (e.g. safety, system reliability, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction)



## Congressional High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System



Notes:  
- Corridor numbers correspond to statutory listing in Section 1105(c) of ISTEA, as amended.  
- Colors are added for clarity only.  
- Corridors based on information available as of December 4, 2015.  
- In some corridors, alignments are in project development stage.

December 16, 2015

# High Priority Corridor Funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)(2021)

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- ❑ Total Road, Bridge, and Major Projects **\$326B**
- ❑ Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) **\$7.25B**
- ❑ State Incentives Pilot Program (Set-aside within Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects - INFRA) **\$750M**
- ❑ National Highway Freight Program **\$7.15B**
- ❑ Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program **\$2B**



# High Priority Corridor Funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)(2021)

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- ❑ National Highway Performance Program **\$148B**
- ❑ Surface Transportation Block Grant Programs **\$72B**
- ❑ Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE) **\$7.5B**
- ❑ National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Megaprojects) **\$5.0B**

# Funding the Ports-to-Plains Corridor?

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- ❑ Maximize IIJA Funding
- ❑ Texas has funded \$20 billion for Corridors in their Ten-Year Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
- ❑ New Mexico has funded a “New Mexico Match Fund” to leverage State funding towards Federal funds
- ❑ Explore Non-traditional funding sources (DOD, Homeland Security, Private)

# Funding the Heartland Expressway?

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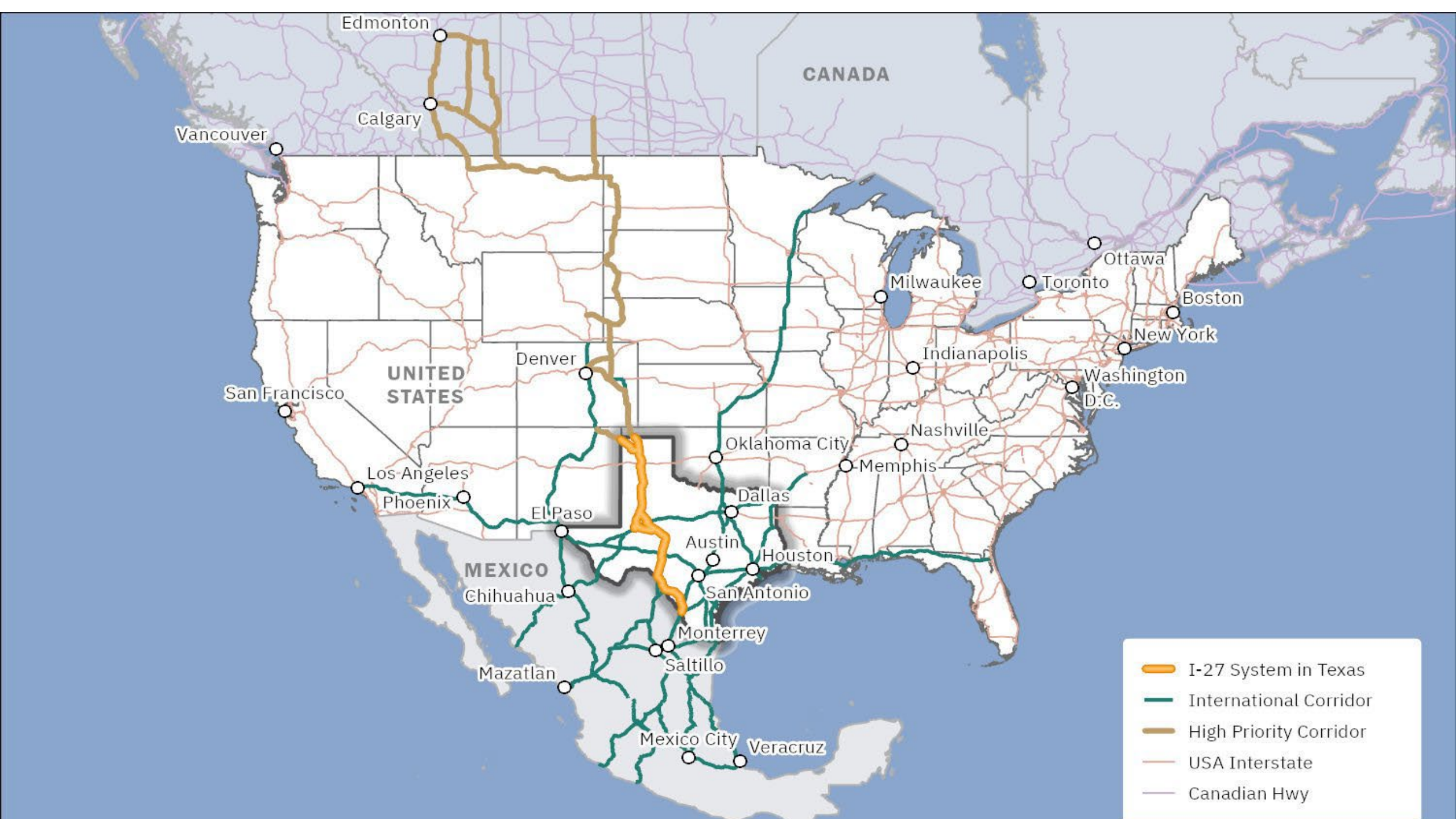
- Utilize Nebraska State Bonding Authority
- Maximize IIJA Funding
- Explore Non-traditional funding sources (TIFIA, DOD)



# Funding the Theodore Roosevelt ExPressway?

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- Utilized State Bonding Authority (North Dakota)
- Maximize IIJA Funding
- Explore Non-Traditional Funding Sources (Dept of Commerce, Private)



# Ports to Plains Trade Alliance

PORTS TO PLAINS CORRIDOR

HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXPRESSWAY

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