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In 1956 Congress passed the Federal Highway Act. Funded by a national tax on gasoline (and other revenues) over the next twenty years America's national highways took shape. Today, the federal government continues to allocate monies to the building and maintaining of this vast, national, highways. This is not without 'cost' to individual states. Federal highway funds are tied to state adoption of highway speed limits, legal drinking ages, and other vehicular laws. States do not have a direct say over the maintenance and improvements of the highway system. As a result, many states argue that the federal government has coerced state cooperation through monetary blackmail.