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Public Engagement across the Transmission Development Lifecycle: Planning

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How are we going to build all that clean energy infrastructure?

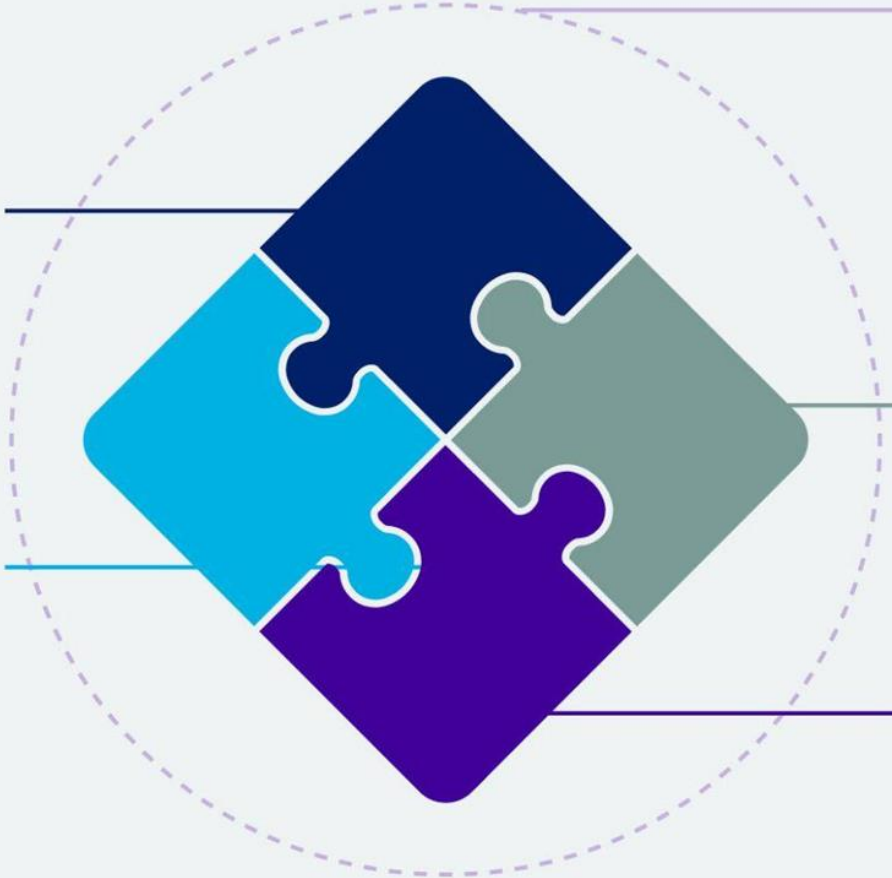
Considering Private Enterprise, Public Initiative, and Hybrid Approaches to the Challenge of Electricity Transmission

Planning

Studies of current and future conditions, including demand and generation, congestion, and other factors to identify priority areas for expansion

Permitting

Siting and various impact assessments required for permission to build the project at a given location



Process

Existing process is fragmented and different for each line. Consistent and transparent process reduces uncertainty, transaction costs, and barriers to participation

Paying

Financing through power purchase agreements, participation in power markets, or other structures

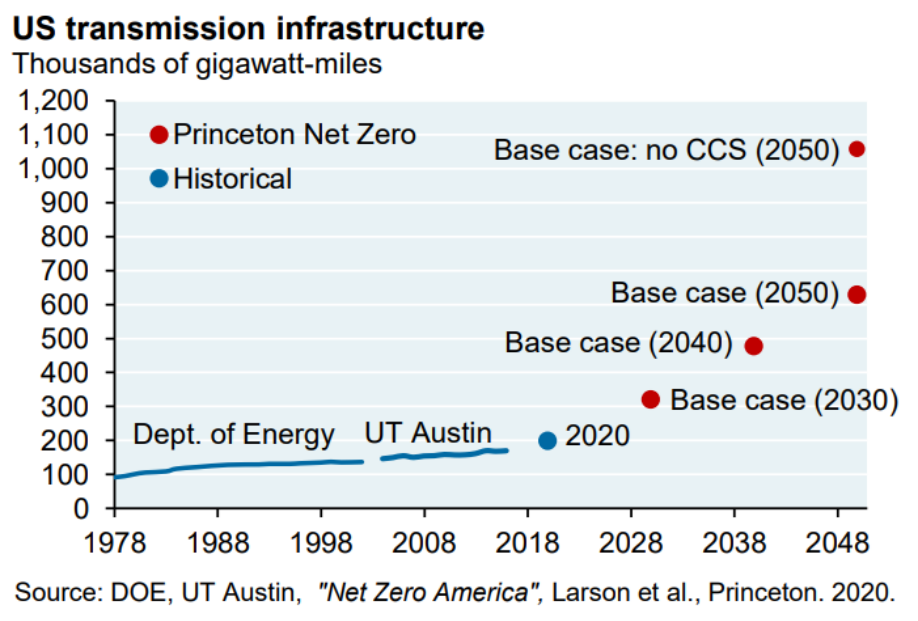
Participation

Inclusive, “smart from the start,” sustained interaction should educate, build trust, and incorporate local input and community compensation

Transmission is essential infrastructure for every decarbonization path:

We need 2X-3X more transmission capacity to decarbonize by 2050

That’s a lot of new transmission…



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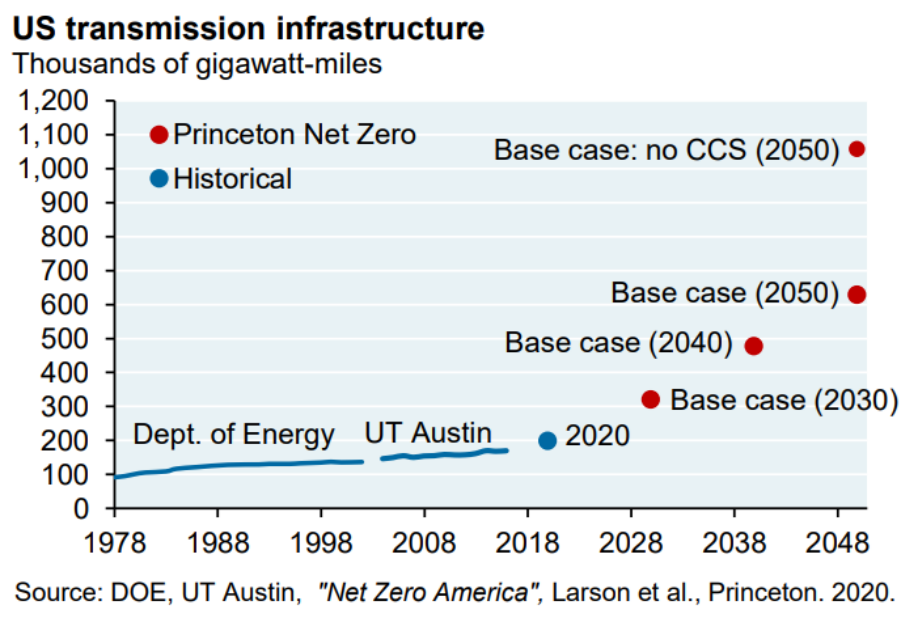

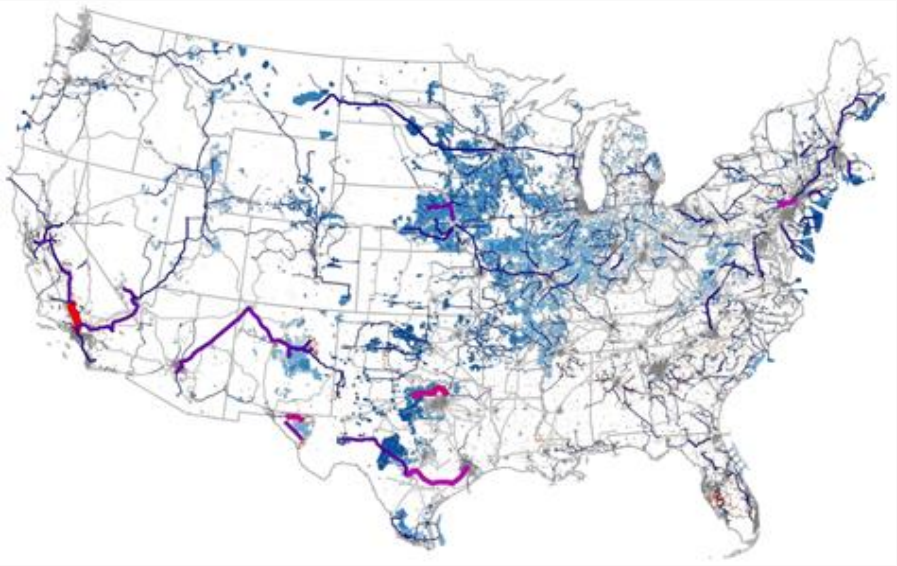

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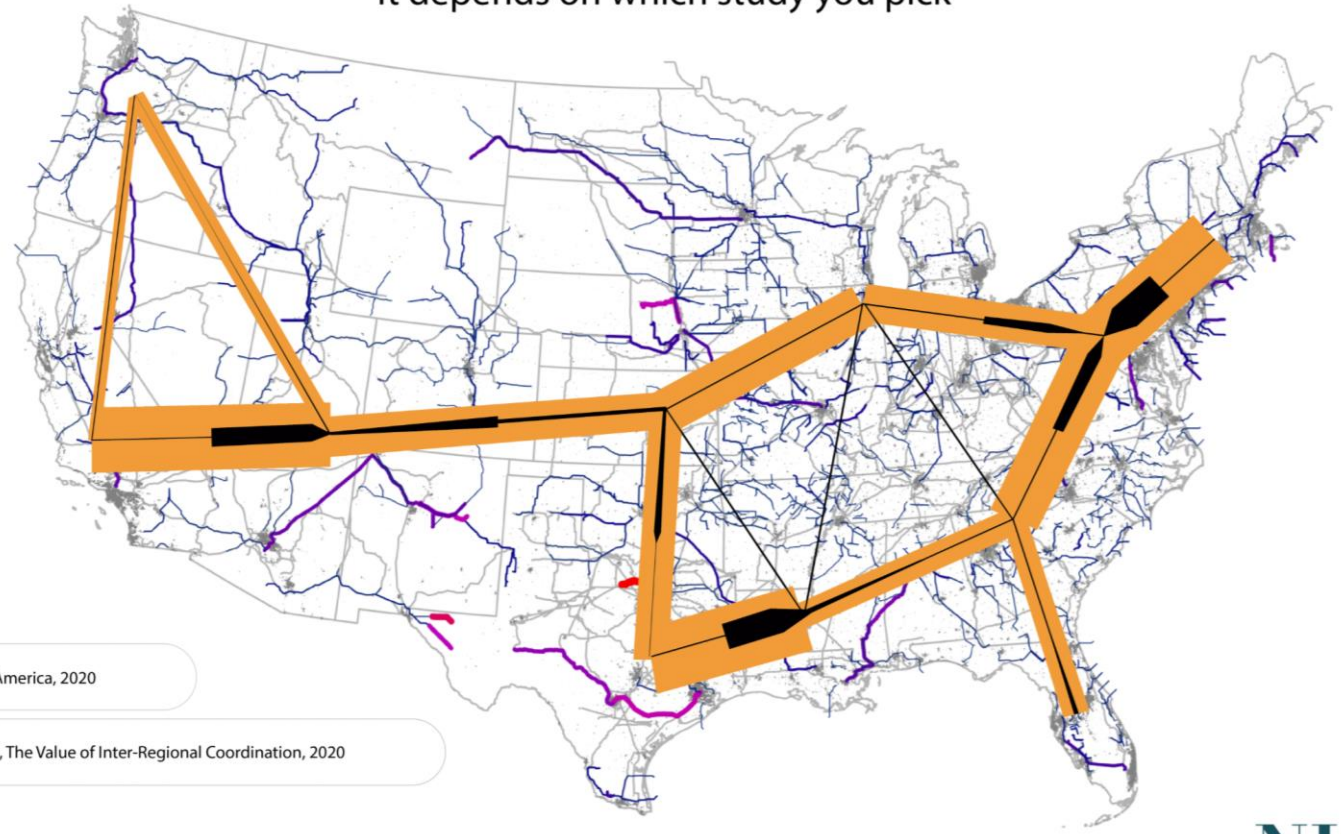

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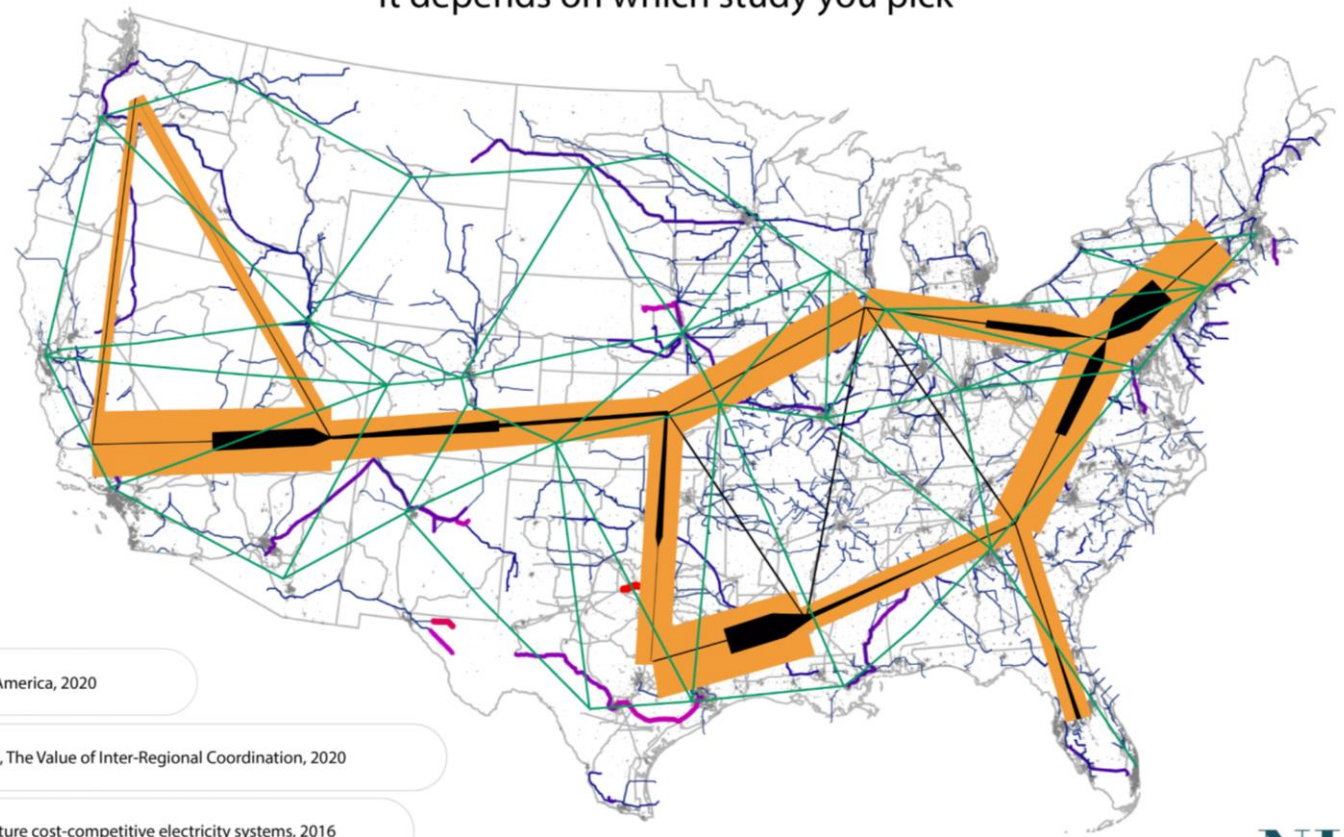

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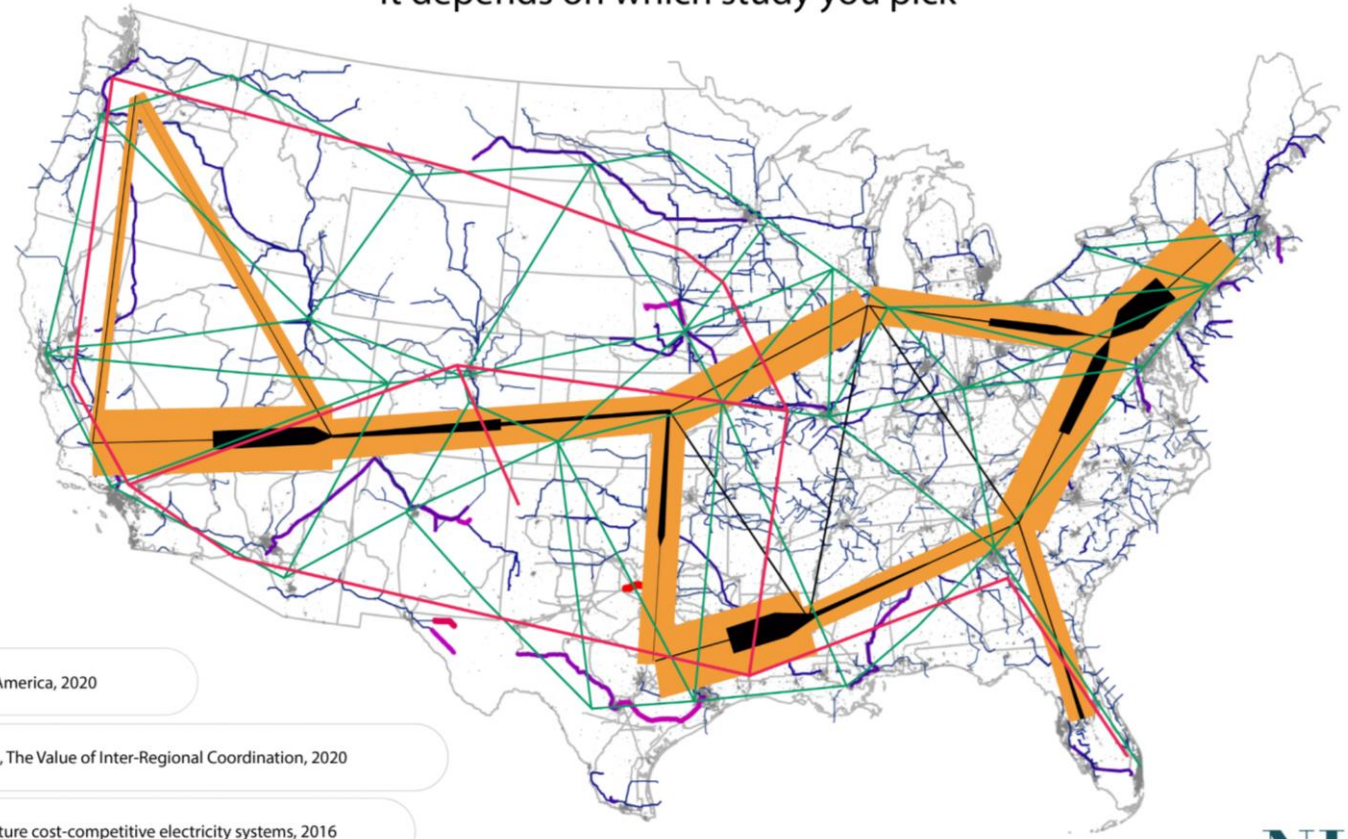

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Congress to the rescue?

Inflation Reduction Act:

Grants to Facilitate the Siting of Interstate Electricity Transmission Lines

$760 million in grants for purposes including:

- transmission project studies,
- examination of alternative siting corridors,
- hosting negotiations with project backers and opponents, participating in federal and state regulatory proceedings,
- and promoting economic development in affected communities

Where do we go from here?

Thank you!

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