

and maintain a new structure. In some cases, financial failure of the original venture made it necessary for the owners to sell the structure. In others, disasters, including serious floods or fires, rendered the original structure useless and unsafe, which in turn led to a transfer of ownership. The trend toward public ownership and operation of toll bridges has continued to the present time.

Vehicular toll tunnels in comparison to bridges are a rather recent development made possible by tremendous advancements in technology. Their functions and services are essentially the same as toll bridges.

2. EXISTING CAPITAL PLANT

As of early 1965, there were 193 toll bridges and causeways located entirely within the United States, according to information compiled by the International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association. There are also 10 toll bridges crossing the border from the United States to Canada and 11 between the United States and Mexico. Table II lists these bridges by State, indicating that a number are bistate bridges.

It is difficult to arrive at figures reflecting true or total investment in toll bridges in the United States. Tabulated below is a listing of bridges by number constructed in each 10-year period and a corresponding reported investment cost.

TABLE II

United States:	Number of bridges	United States—Continued	Number of bridges
Alabama.....	1	Missouri-Iowa.....	1
Arizona.....	1	Missouri-Nebraska.....	2
California.....	8	Montana.....	1
Colorado.....	1	New Hampshire.....	1
Connecticut.....	8	New Hampshire-Vermont..	1
Delaware-New Jersey.....	1	New Jersey.....	8
Florida.....	18	New Jersey-Pennsylvania..	10
Georgia-Florida.....	1	New Jersey-New York.....	4
Georgia-South Carolina....	1	New York.....	19
Illinois.....	2	New York-Pennsylvania....	1
Illinois-Indiana.....	3	New York-Vermont.....	2
Illinois-Iowa.....	9	Ohio-West Virginia.....	4
Illinois-Kentucky.....	1	Oregon-Washington.....	7
Illinois-Missouri.....	7	Pennsylvania.....	1
Indiana-Kentucky.....	1	Rhode Island.....	2
Iowa-Nebraska.....	5	South Carolina.....	1
Iowa-Wisconsin.....	1	Texas.....	2
Kansas-Missouri.....	2	Virginia.....	10
Kentucky.....	1	Washington.....	10
Kentucky-Ohio.....	3	West Virginia.....	1
Kentucky-West Virginia....	3	West Virginia-Virginia....	1
Louisiana.....	3		
Maine.....	4	Total.....	193
Maine-New Hampshire.....	1	International crossings:	
Maryland.....	5	Michigan-Canada.....	2
Maryland-Virginia.....	1	Minnesota-Canada.....	1
Maryland-West Virginia....	1	New York-Canada.....	7
Massachusetts.....	1	Texas-Mexico.....	11
Michigan.....	2		
Minnesota-Wisconsin.....	2	Total.....	21
Mississippi.....	2		
Missouri.....	4	Grand total.....	214