

# **OHIO U.S. 30 - THE OPPORTUNITY HIGHWAY NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE MODEL**

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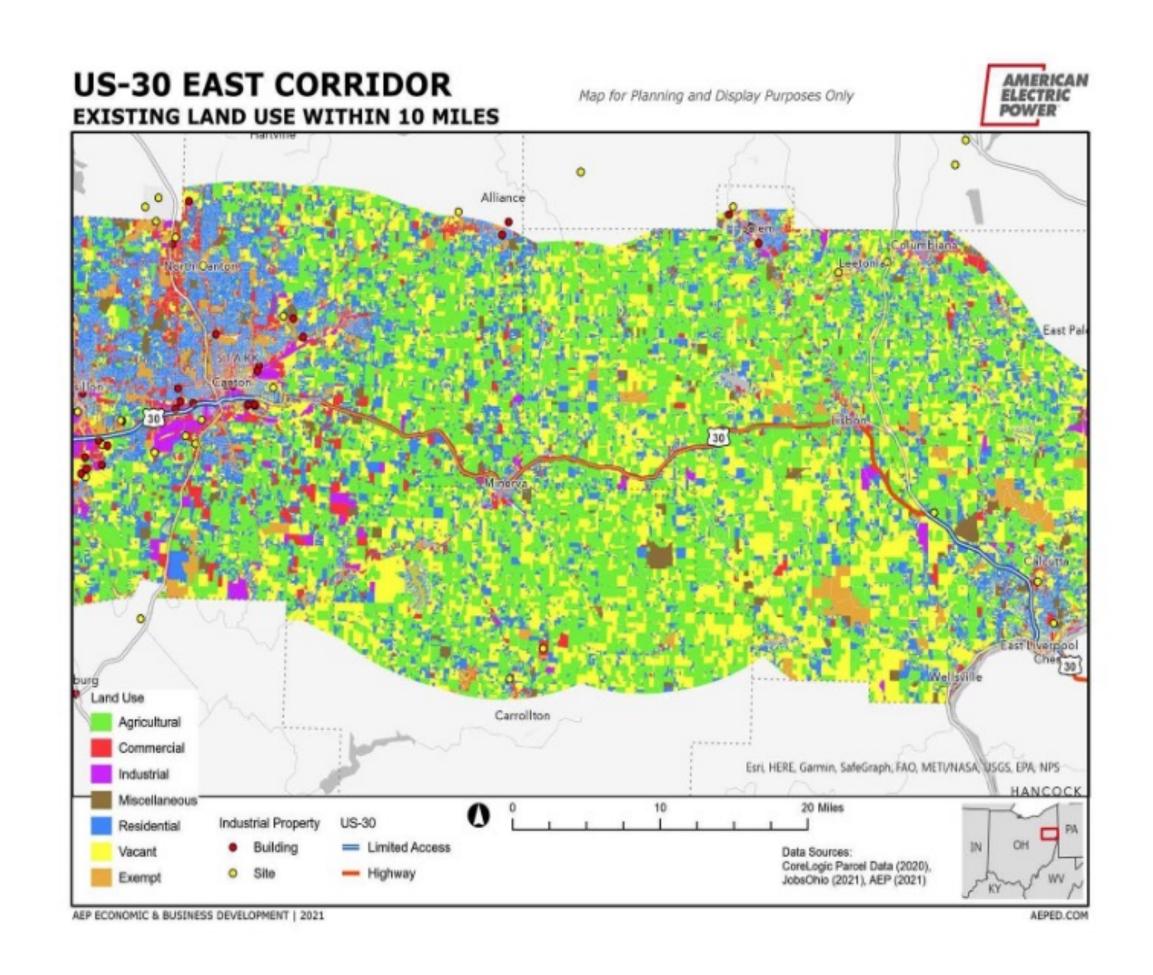
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- Create a clear revenue model for the U.S. 30 project, in order to support private and public funding for the smart highway.
- **M** The Model is based on maximizing revenue sources from *new* infrastructure, as the U.S. moves rapidly toward a Fourth Industrial Revolution infrastructure model.
- This Model is relevant for other projects in Ohio, as well as for transportation and other 'digital platform' projects - like bridges and transit facilities - throughout the Midwest, as well as the rest of the U.S.

## **OBJECTIVE**





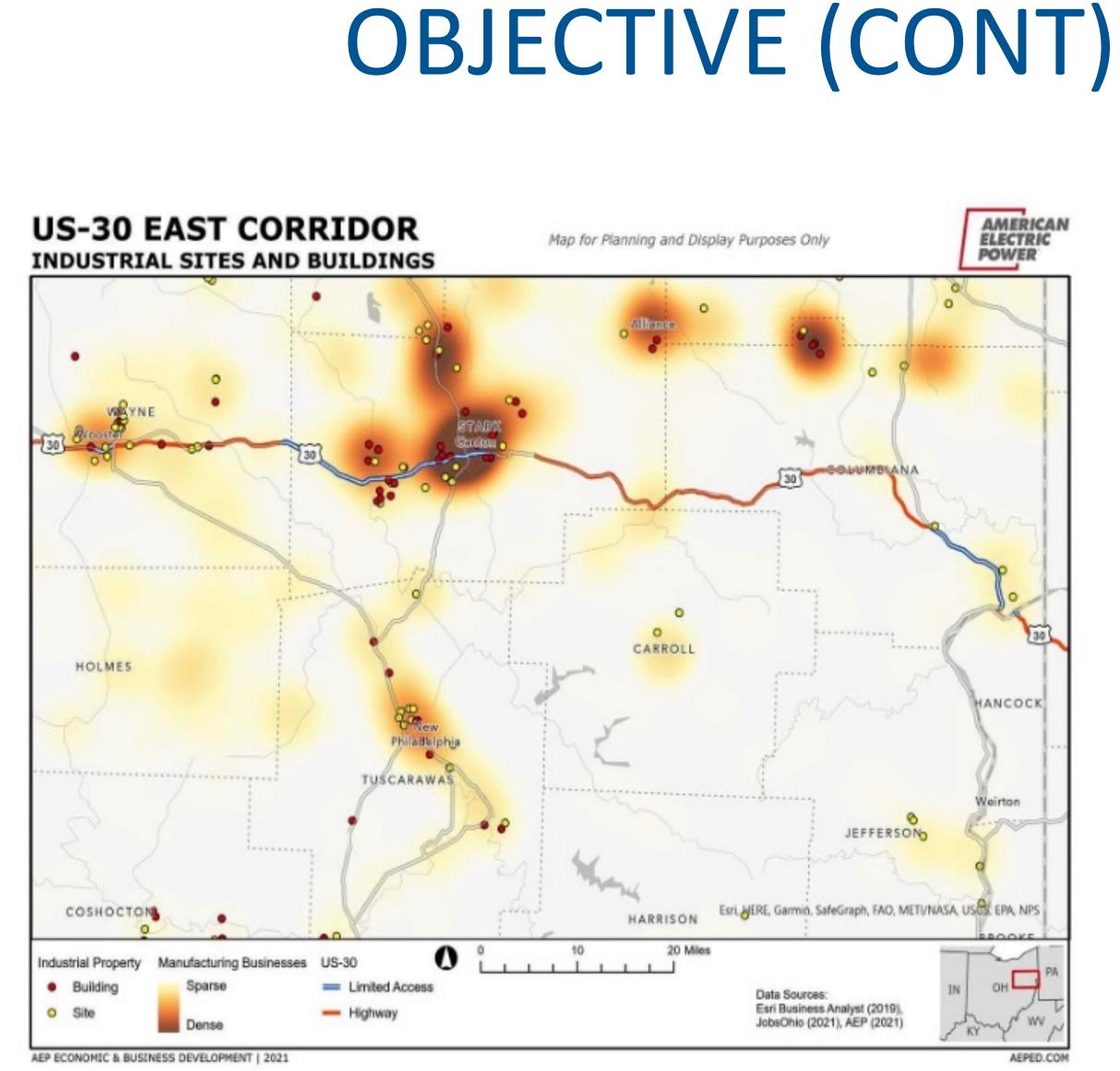




#### The Model also assumes that there is strong potential in digitizing and electrifying the corridor for the creation of a logistics hub in support of

- Advanced manufacturing, including supply chain re-shoring, and
- Advanced agricultural production and processing

This is the basis for the most positive - Build it and They Will Come - of our three scenarios







# **REVENUE SOURCES - NEW INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 1. Land Uplift including both the value of the land increase, and potential intermodal anchors at each end
- 2. Data Sales including for both vehicle (autonomy) and commercial (traffic flow) information
- 3. 5G Tower Rentals 5G is interesting because towers must be placed every 1000 feet (and even closer together in hilly terrain)
- 4. Utility Rights of Way includes broadband, natural gas (both wet and dry gas), and high voltage electricity
- 5. EV Charging Continuous or point charging of electric vehicles, including autonomous trucks
- 6. Traditional Revenue Sources increased property and commercial taxes, billboards, etc.

This Creates Enormous Economic and National Security Resilience









# **UPSHOT - THE MODEL WORKS**

- Including the model's new infrastructure revenue assumptions the project has the potential to generate more than \$1 billion in total revenue over the first 20 operational years of the project.
- When using a 5% discount rate, the model identifies monetizable baseline revenues of over \$450 million. Note: Even at a risk adjusted discount rate of 10% we have over \$200 million in revenues to backstop a \$1 billion project.

NPV Analysis	Free Cash Flow
Discount Rate	NPV
5%	\$453,013,624
6%	\$386,420,233
7%	\$331,080,241
8%	\$284,898,541
9%	\$246,198,977
10%	\$213,635,760
11%	\$186,124,494
12%	\$162,788,297
13%	\$142,915,579
14%	\$125,926,842
15%	\$111,348,508





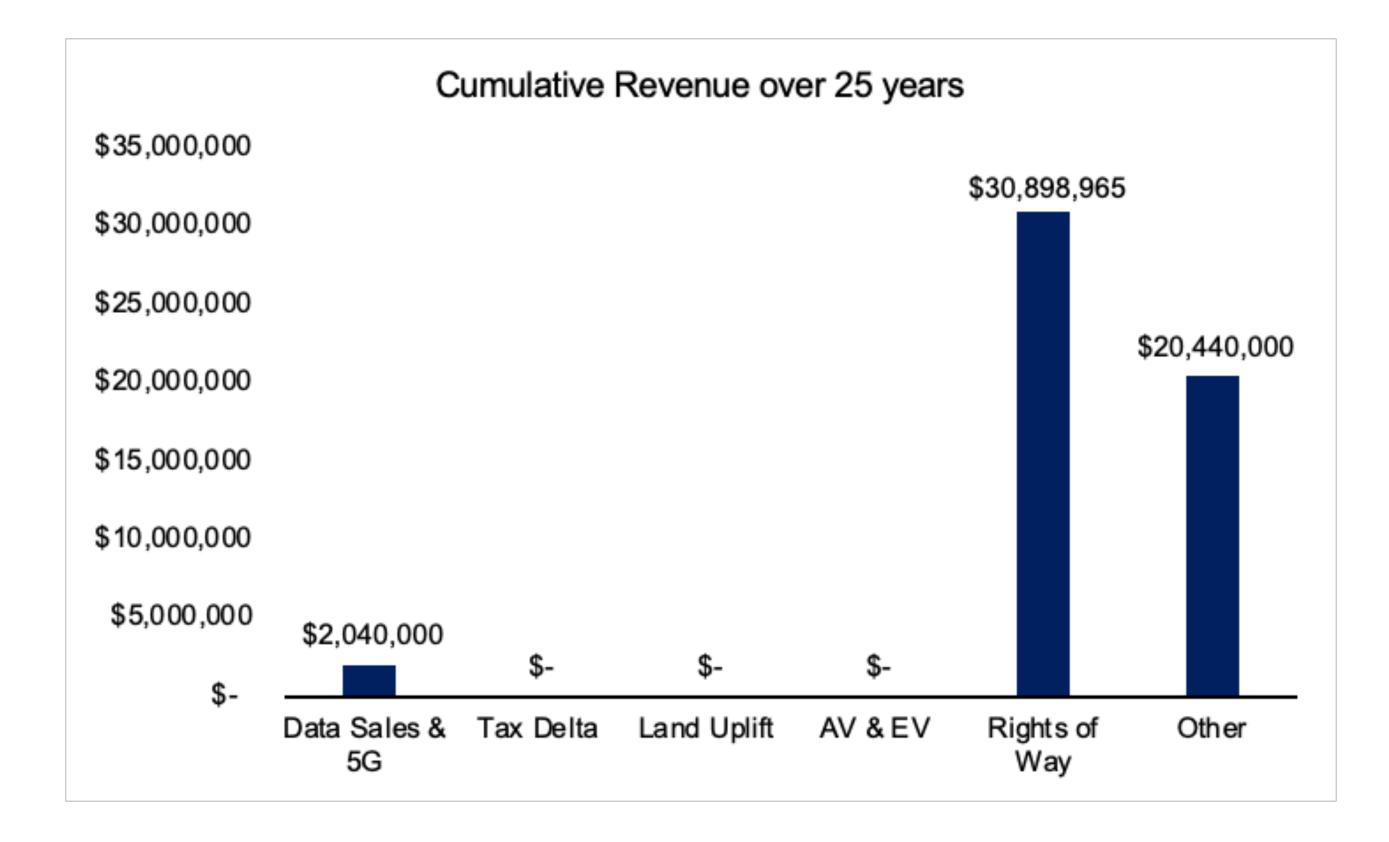


**Scenario 1** is the 'concrete and steel' scenario model, monetizing traditional revenues related to rights of way - including fiber optics and vertical real estate such as billboards or street lighting. It also includes lease income for service stations.

This scenario points to a potential to generate just \$60 million over the first 20 operational years of the project. **This is sufficient to justify the** voluntary contribution model.

This is a pre Fourth Industrial Revolution scenario, with minimal values for new infrastructure sources.

#### Scenario 1: Business as Usual









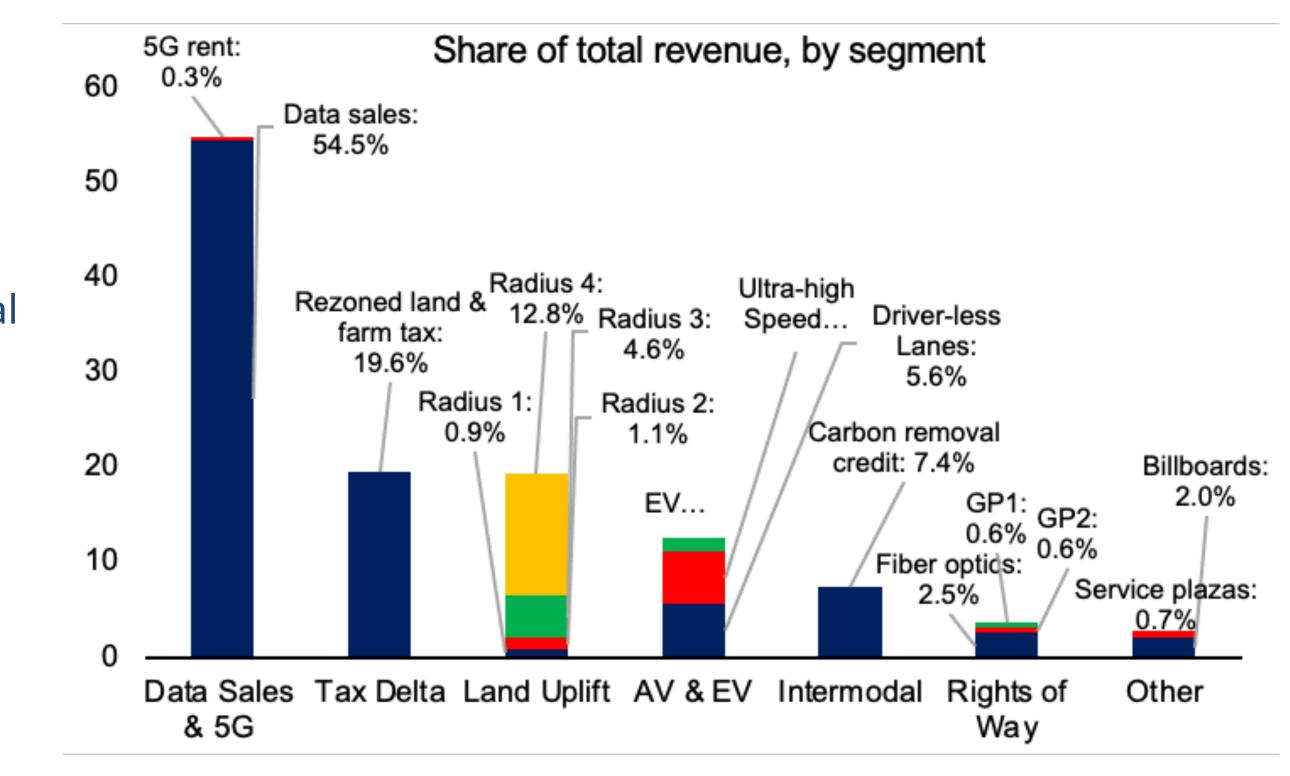
## Scenario 2: Gold of the 21st Century

**Scenario 2** builds on traditional revenue sources, adding income from data sales, and other related revenues, especially including land value uplift.

This 'leveraging the gold of the 21st Century' scenario is extremely powerful. The scenario recognizes the increasing value of data - while also highlighting the land uplift potential of the project. Note: there will be additional revenue from the Biden Administration's 2030 decarbonization goals.

**M** The scenario points to a potential to generate more than *\$750 million over 25 years.* 

**M** This would easily underwrite as much as a \$2 billion highway project - now better described as a digital platform project.







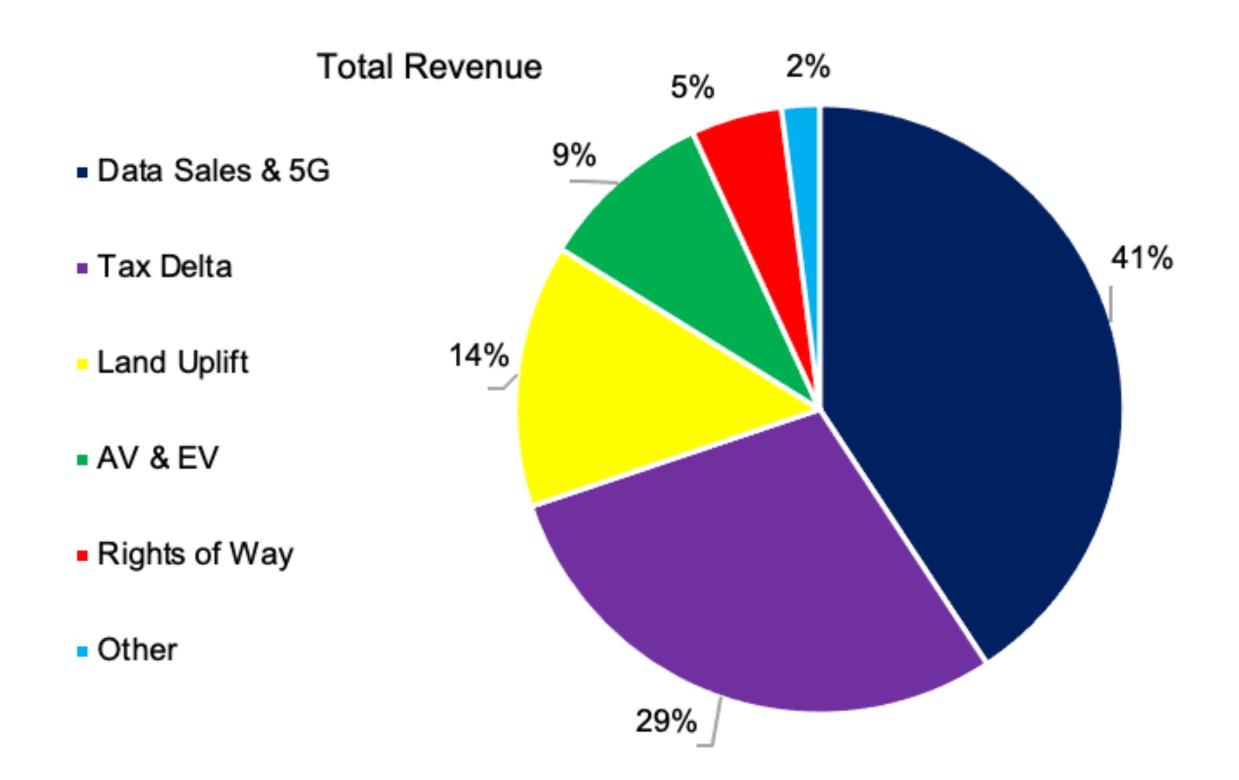


# SCENARIO 3: DYNAMIC BIATWC

**Scenario 3** builds on the previous scenarios to include energy rights of way – including natural gas and high voltage electricity transmission.

In this scenario, the corridor is turbo-charged with a high voltage transmission and low-latency data infrastructure function. This results in the creation of series of clusters and business parks hosting petrochemical downstream businesses, edge data centers, advanced manufacturing and next-generation vertical agriculture.

**M** The scenario points to a potential to generate more than \$1 billion in revenue over the first 20 operational years of the project.



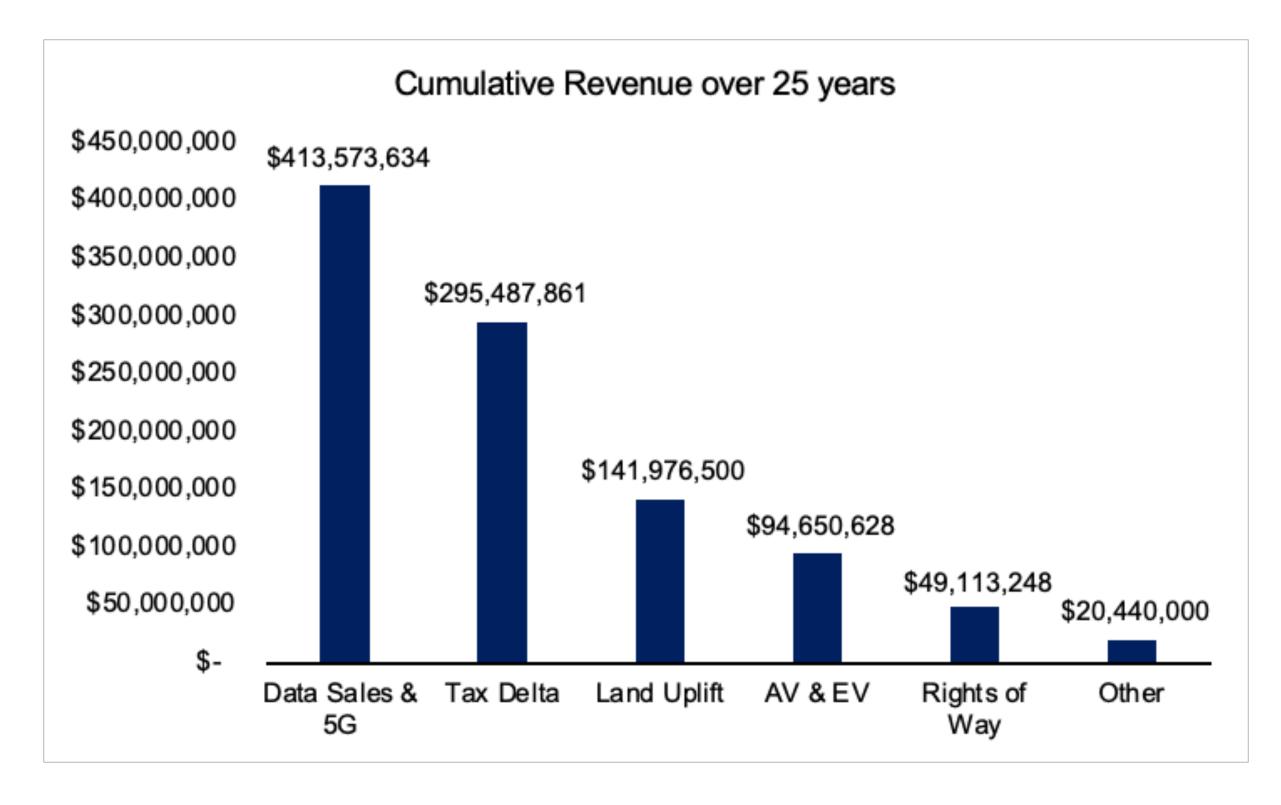


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- These numbers demonstrate the potential for back-stopping the voluntary contribution strategy for the initial phase of the project.
- The numbers also highlight the potential to create a funding structure that allows for up to \$2.2billion in capital expenditures (assuming a 20-80 equity/debt ratio).
- It is clear that moving forward immediately is the right decision - not betting but "planning on a more" promising future where data, connectivity and electrification do in fact become fully ubiquitous?" and eastern Ohio becomes a high growth advanced manufacturing and advanced agriculture hub.

## **CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS**











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