### Interstate Highway

- A common standardized infrastructure is built and maintained across **all states** to allow travel throughout the nation.
- Cars are the **vehicle** that transports people to their destinations.
- Many lanes allow many cars to drive **simultaneously** at different speeds, carrying diverse cargo and utilizing the **same interstate**.
- Cars can merge onto the interstate highway from **different origins**.
- Cars can exit the interstate highway at varying times to head towards **numerous destinations**.
- Accidents, potholes, road construction, and heavy congestion can cause **traffic jams**.

### Public Health Data Superhighway

- A common standardized infrastructure is built and maintained to allow electronic data exchange across **all jurisdictions**.
- Data are the **facts and statistics** that inform public health action.
- Disease-specific data exchange occurs **simultaneously** and utilizes the **same infrastructure**.
- New data and information from **different sources** can supplement and heighten current knowledge, rapidly informing action.
- Data can be accessed instantaneously at **numerous points** by public health professionals to inform activities at the federal, state, territorial, local and tribal levels.
- Lack of coordination, standardization, and manual data entry methods cause **bottlenecks**.