



# Issue 1

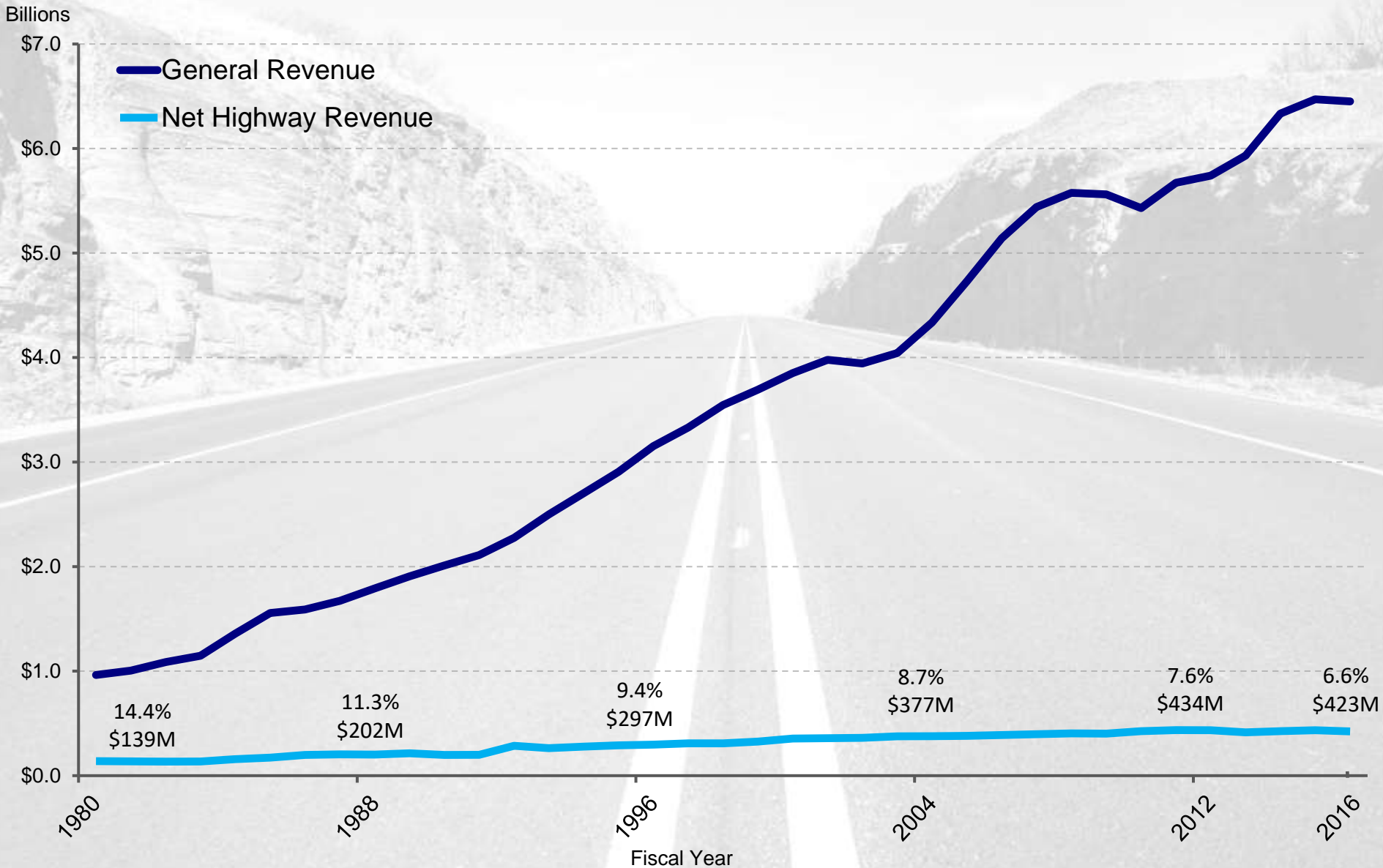
## Proposed Constitutional Amendment November 3, 2020 General Election

Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization  
August 18, 2020

# Road Funding Challenges



# Percent of Highway vs. General Revenue



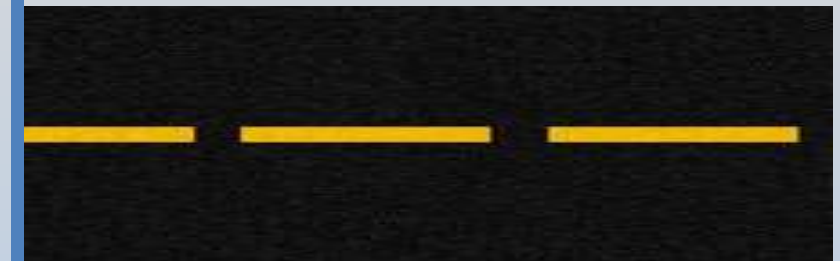
Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

## THEN

In 1998, **200 lane miles** of highway could be overlaid with \$10 million.

## NOW

In 2018, **90 lane miles** of highway could be overlaid with \$10 million.

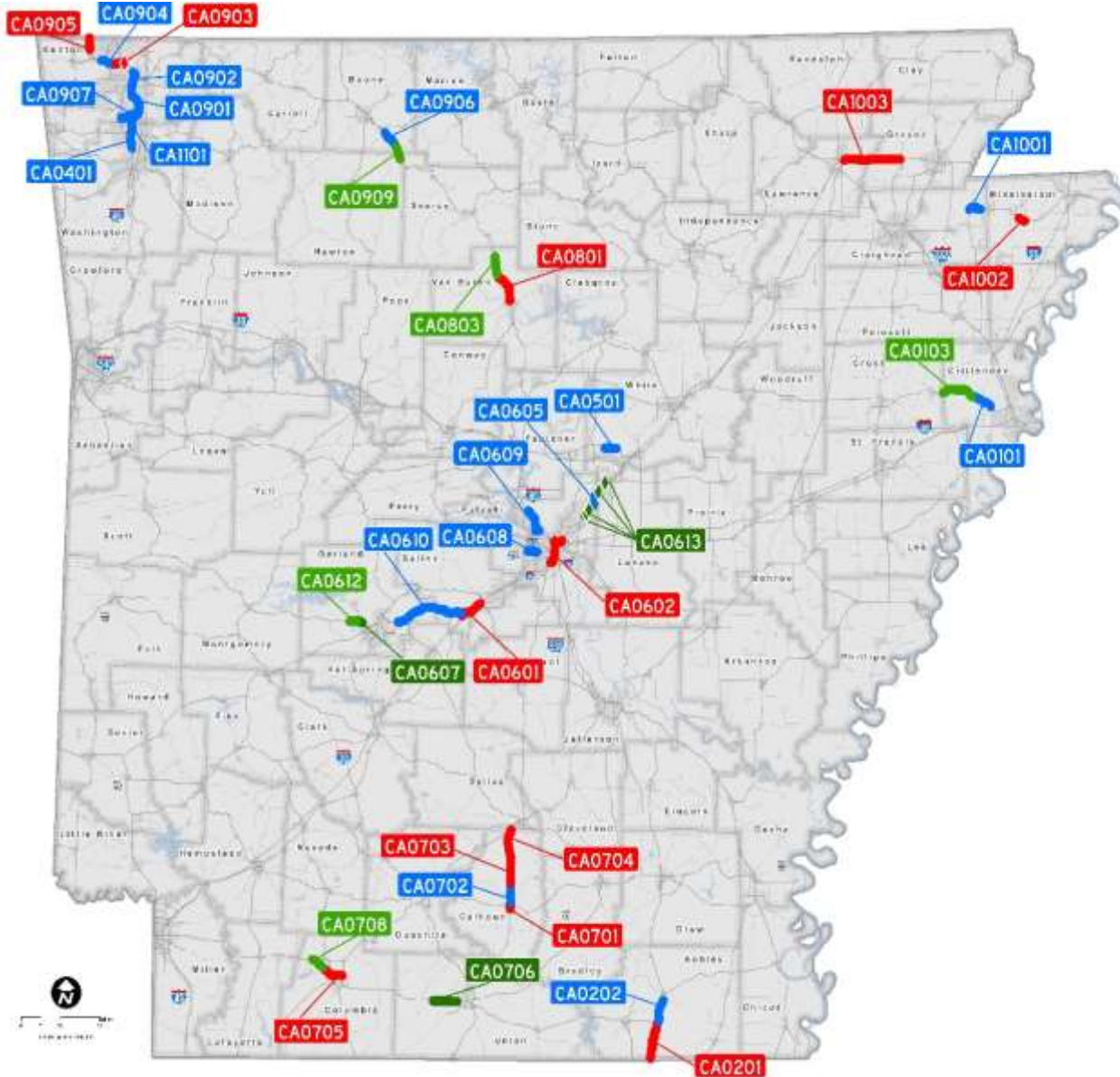


# Current Connecting Arkansas Program

- Voter Approved in 2012
- Provides Temporary Half-Cent Sales Tax
- ARDOT Revenue Dedicated to CAP Projects
- County and City Revenue for Local Roads & Streets
- Expires June 2023



# Connecting Arkansas Program



Completed	
Number of Projects:	16
Miles:	82
Amount (Millions):	\$670

Under Construction	
Number of Projects:	12
Miles:	73
Amount (Millions):	\$1,196

Scheduled	
Number of Projects:	3
Miles:	13
Amount (Millions):	\$200

Total Program	
Number of Projects:	31
Miles:	168
Amount (Millions):	\$2,066

## Governor Hutchinson's Highway Plan

Act 416 and Proposed Constitutional Amendment (Issue 1)

Four Revenue Sources

\$300 Million Per Year



# November 3, 2020

## The Ballot Question: Issue 1

**YES**



*Funding from current sales tax continues after June 2023*

**NO**



*Funding from current sales tax terminates after June 2023*



# If Issue 1 Passes



## 10-Year *Renew Arkansas Highways* Program

Pavement Preservation \$3.0 Billion

Bridge Improvements and Preservation \$1.1 Billion

Interstate Maintenance \$1.0 Billion

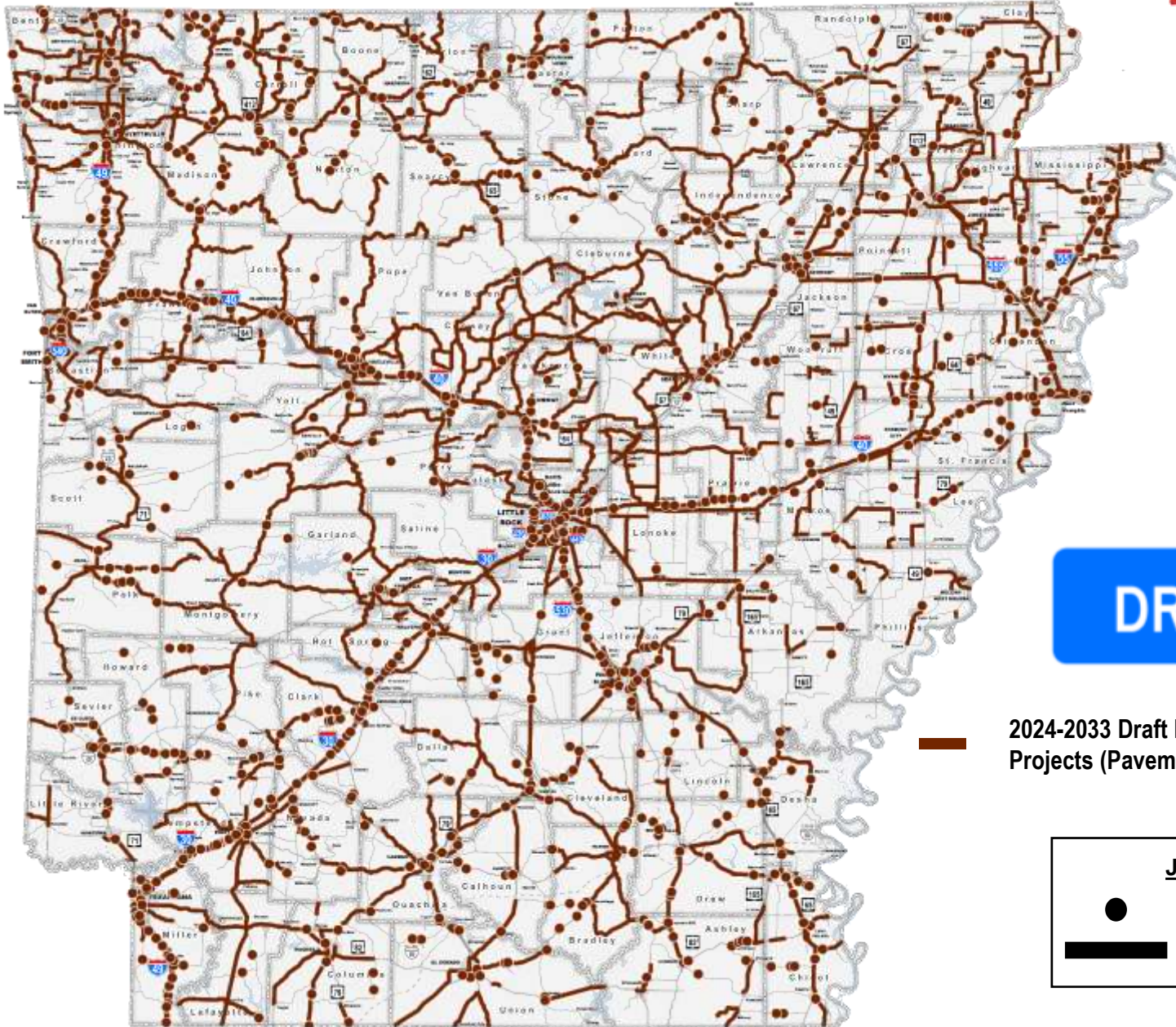
Capital and Congestion Relief (CAP-2) \$1.8 Billion

Safety Improvements \$0.5 Billion

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**Total** \$7.4 Billion



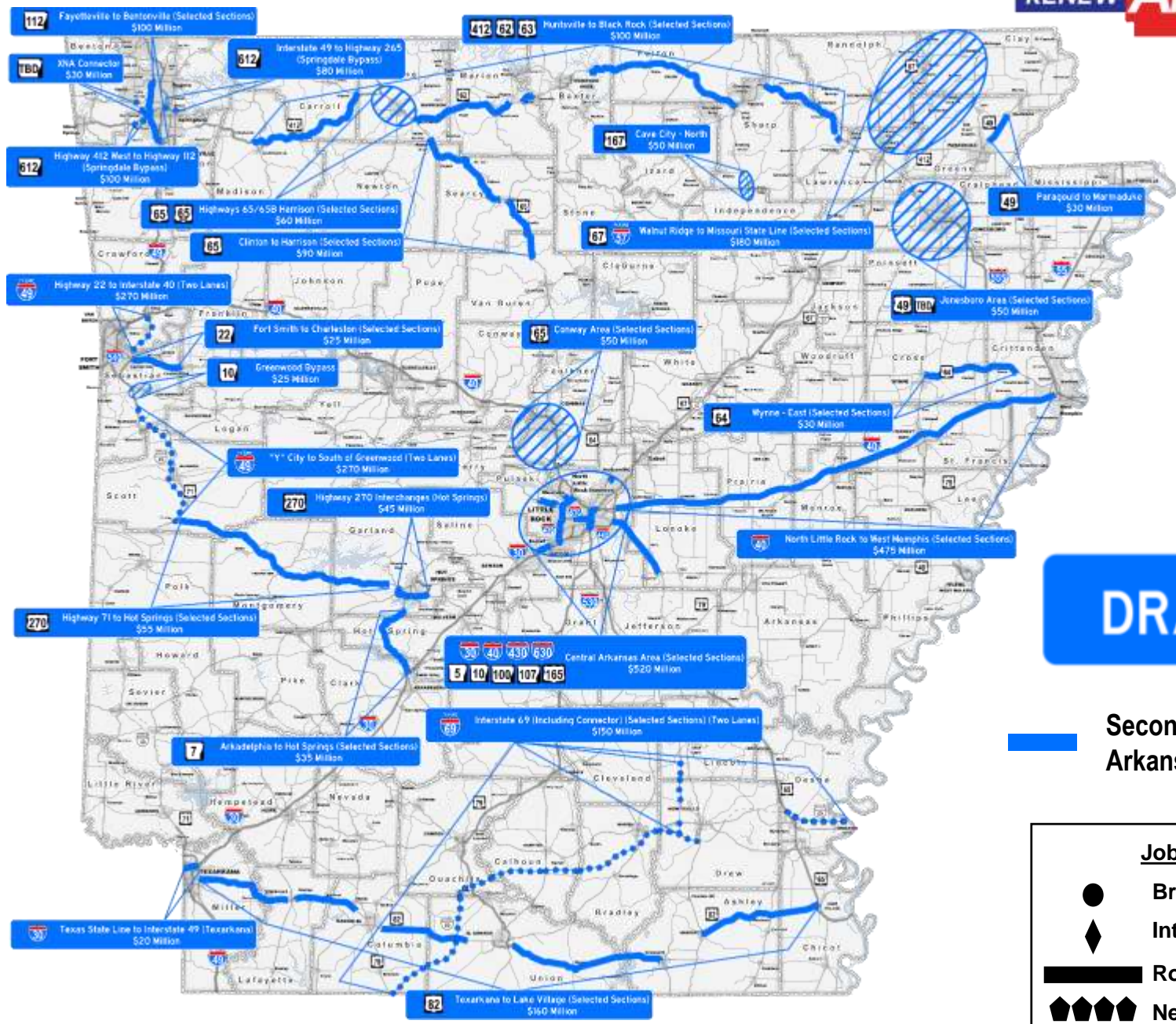


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— 2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

Job Type	
●	Bridge
—	Roadway

# Second Connecting Arkansas Program



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**Job Type**

- Bridge
- ◆ Interchange
- ▬ Roadway
- ◆◆◆◆ New Location

# Second Connecting Arkansas Program





RENEW AR HIGHWAYS


 Texas State Line to Interstate 49 (Texarkana)  
\$20 Million

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 Second Connecting Arkansas Program

Job Type

-  Bridge
-  Interchange
-  Roadway
-  New Location

 Texarkana to Lake Village (Selected Sections)  
\$160 Million



# If Issue 1 Fails

## State Highways

2023 - \$740 Million

2024 - \$535 Million

## City Streets

2023 - \$150 Million

2024 - \$106 Million



## County Roads

2023 - \$150 Million

2024 - \$106 Million

**30% Reduction**

# If Issue 1 Fails

## Miller County

2023 – \$2.0 Million

2024 – \$1.4 Million

**Loss of Funding – \$600,000 Per Year**

## City of Texarkana

2023 – \$2.4 Million

2024 – \$1.7 Million

**Loss of Funding – \$700,000 Per Year**



ARDOT – Educate Voters  
Roads and Bridges Coalition – Campaign

- The cost of the current 1/2 cent sales tax for the average family with a median income is about **\$8/month**
- If Issue 1 passes, the cost to the taxpayers will remain the same as it is now.
  - No Increase
  - No Decrease
- This tax does not apply to groceries and it can only be used for road improvements.







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**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**



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Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
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