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Issue 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment
November 3, 2020 General Election

Blytheville Rotary Club
Thursday, October 8, 2020



Funding Challenges







\$10,000,000 Overlay Program

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

Expires June 2023

ARDOT Revenue Dedicated to the
Connecting Arkansas Program of Projects



Current Connecting Arkansas Program



Completed	
Number of Projects:	17
Miles:	89
Amount (Millions):	\$699

Under Construction	
Number of Projects:	11
Miles:	66
Amount (Millions):	\$1,167

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

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

Current Connecting Arkansas Program

Highway 70 Widening
Garland and Saline Counties



Current Connecting Arkansas Program

Future US Hwy 412 - Springdale Bypass

Benton County



Current Connecting Arkansas Program

Interstate 630 Widening

Pulaski County



Current Connecting Arkansas Program

Highway 167 Widening
Calhoun County



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The Ballot Question: Issue 1

FOR



Funding from current sales tax continues after June 2023

AGAINST



Funding from current sales tax ends in June 2023

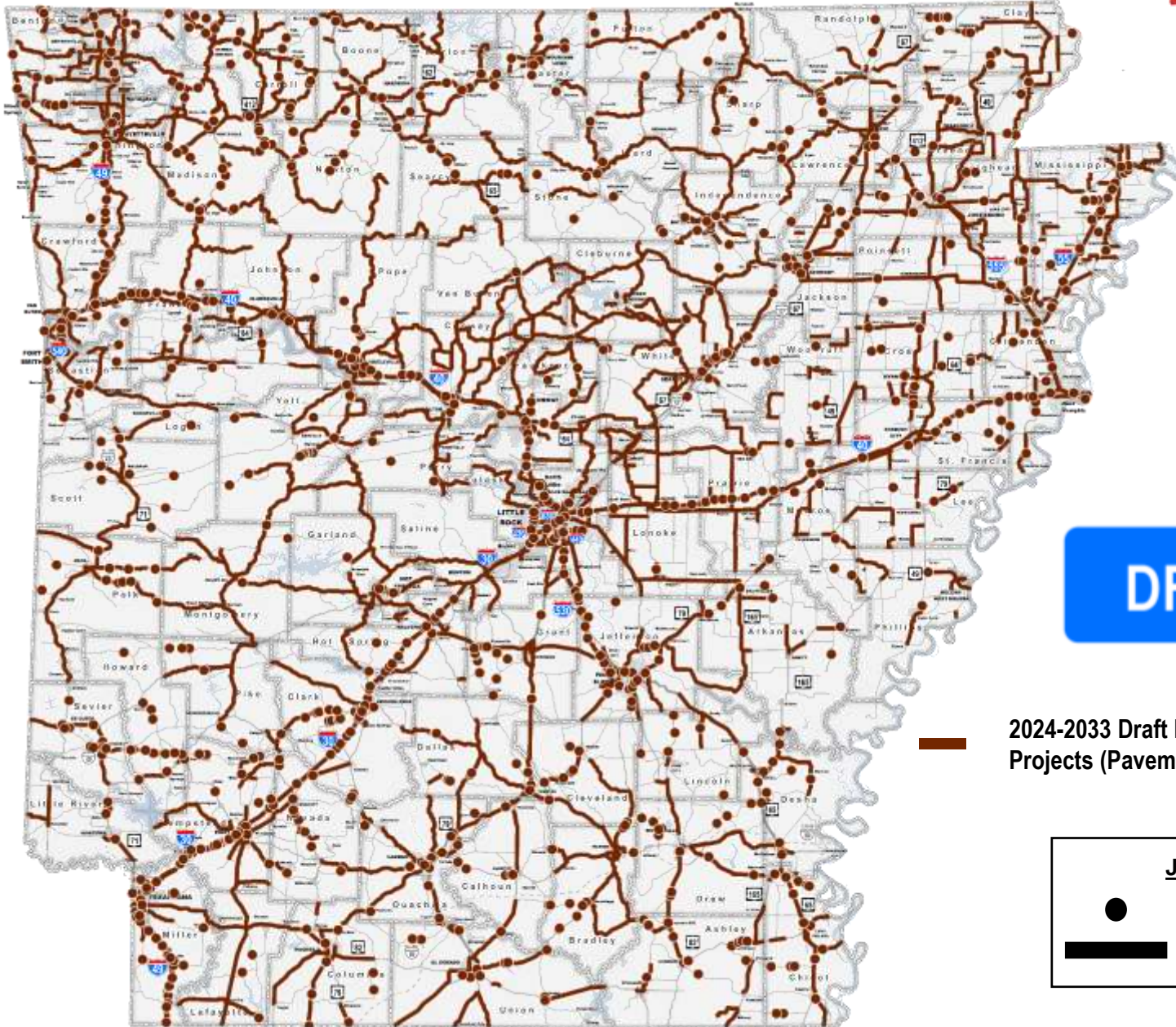
If Issue 1 Passes



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
Total	\$7.4 Billion

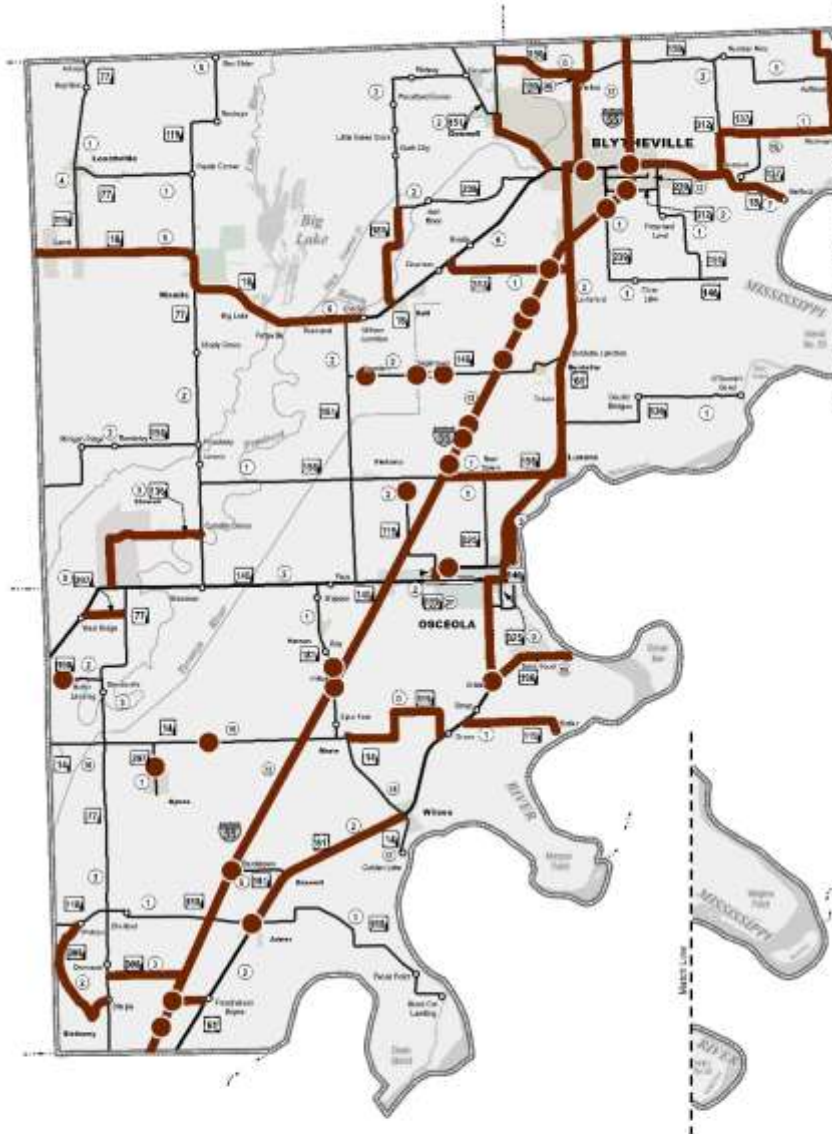




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— 2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

Job Type	
●	Bridge
—	Roadway



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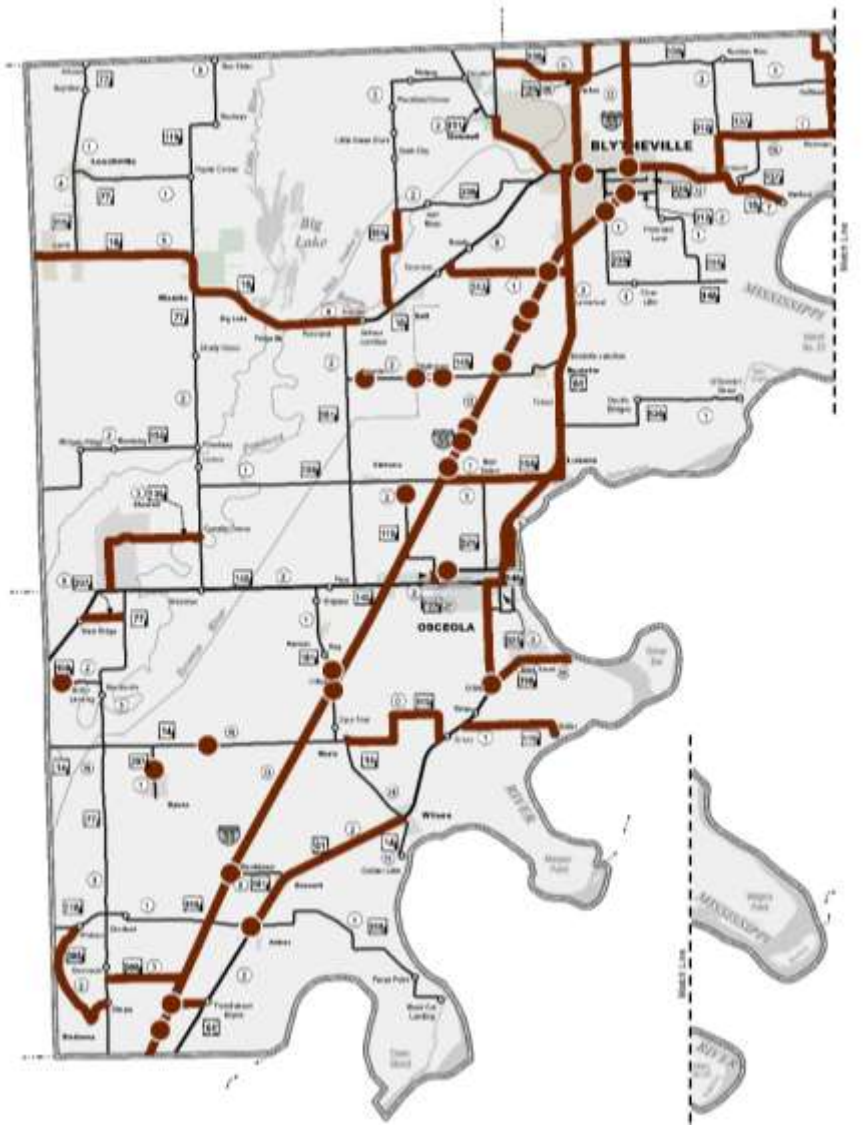
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28 Pro

Million

Mississippi County Pavement & Bridge Preservation Projects



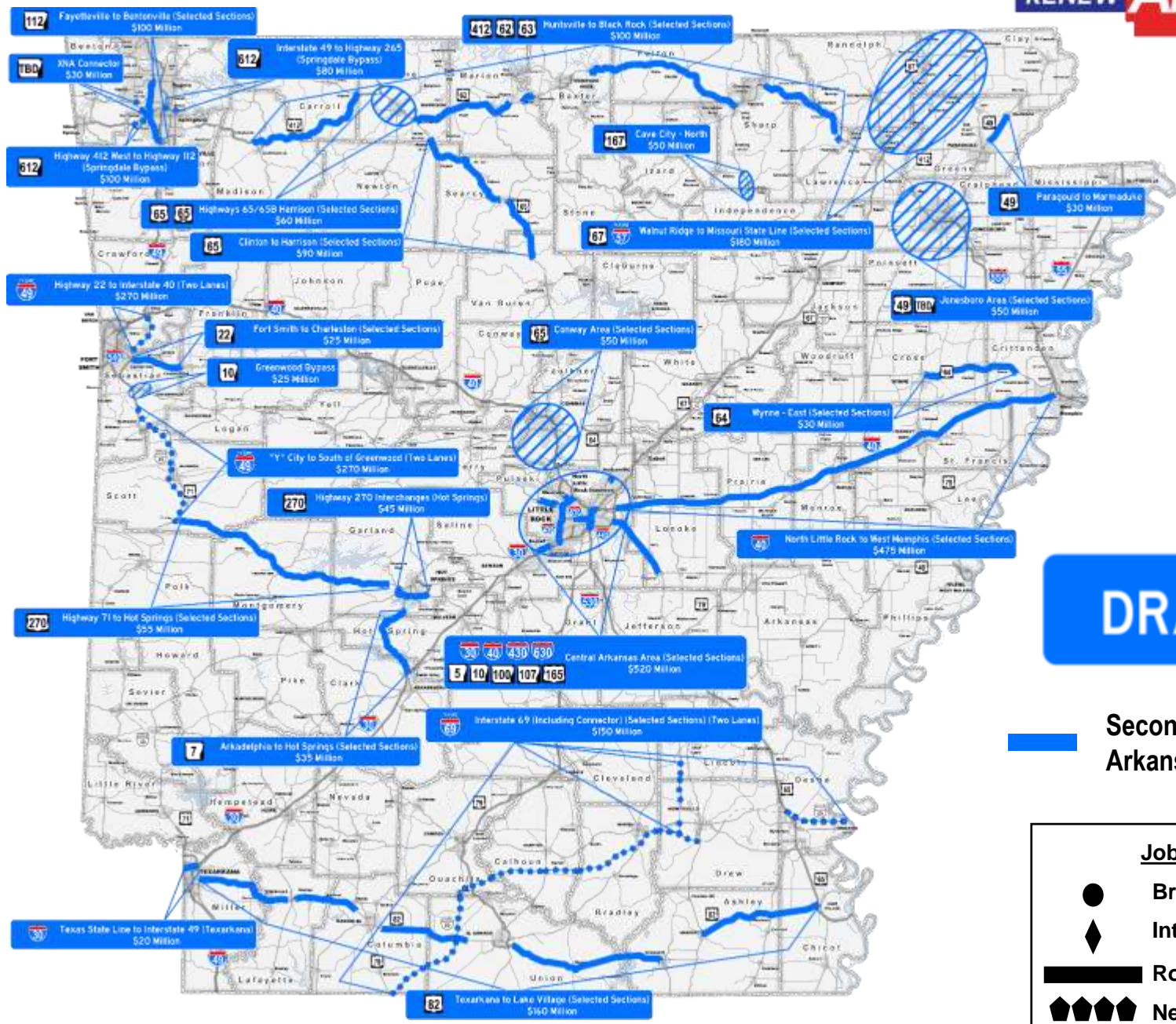
62 Projects
166 Miles
\$121 Million

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

Second Connecting Arkansas Program



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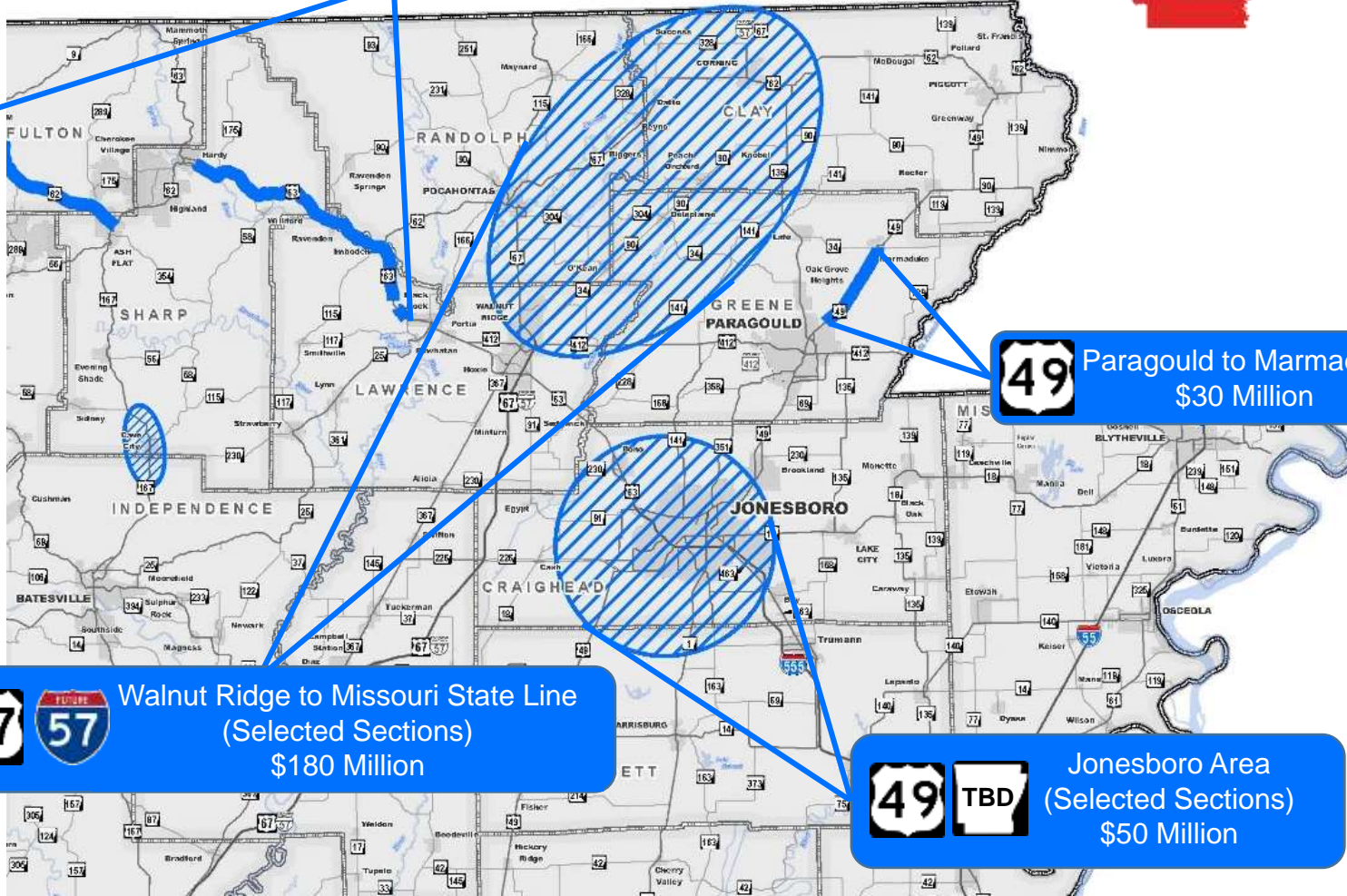
Job Type

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

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Huntsville to Black Rock (Selected Sections)
\$100 Million

RENEW AR HIGHWAYS



49 Paragould to Marmaduke
\$30 Million

67 57 Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line
(Selected Sections)
\$180 Million

49 TBD Jonesboro Area
(Selected Sections)
\$50 Million

Second Connecting
Arkansas Program

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Job Type	
●	Bridge
◆	Interchange
▬	Roadway
◆◆◆◆	New Location

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% Annual Reduction

If Issue 1 Fails

Mississippi County

2023 – \$2.2 Million

2024 – \$1.5 Million

Loss of Funding – \$700,000 Per Year

City of Blytheville

2023 – \$1.2 Million

2024 – \$0.9 Million

Loss of Funding – \$300,000 Per Year

Key Takeaways

**Average Family
\$8 / month**

**No Increase
No Decrease**

Not on Groceries

**Only for
Road Improvements**



Benefits of a \$8/month or 27 cents/day Investment?



Increased Safety

Increased Property Values

Increased
Job Opportunities

Better Accessibility

Less Wear and Tear on
Vehicles

Less Fuel Expense

Arkansans Need to Decide How to Fund



Your
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



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