



# Issue 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
November 3, 2020 General Election





# 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

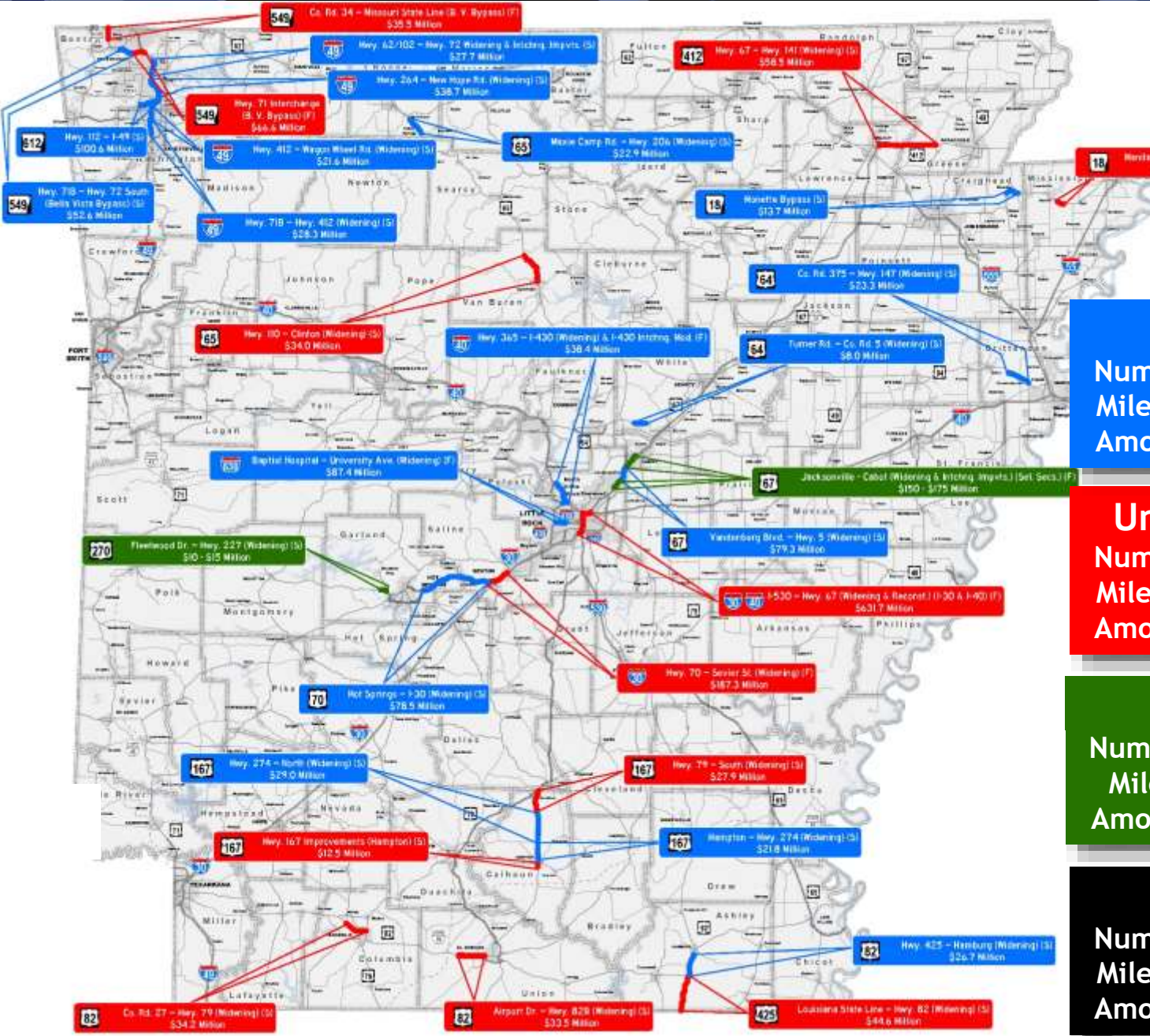
Provides Temporary Half-Cent Sales Tax

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:	12
Miles:	72
Amount (Millions):	\$1,839

Scheduled	
Number of Projects:	2
Miles:	7
Amount (Millions):	\$170

Total Program	
Number of Projects:	31
Miles:	168
Amount (Millions):	\$2,009



# Current Connecting Arkansas Program

Highway 70 Widening  
Garland and Saline Counties

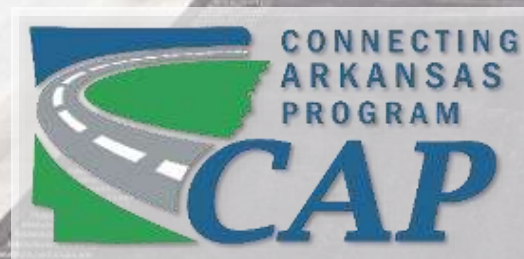




# Current Connecting Arkansas Program

## 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

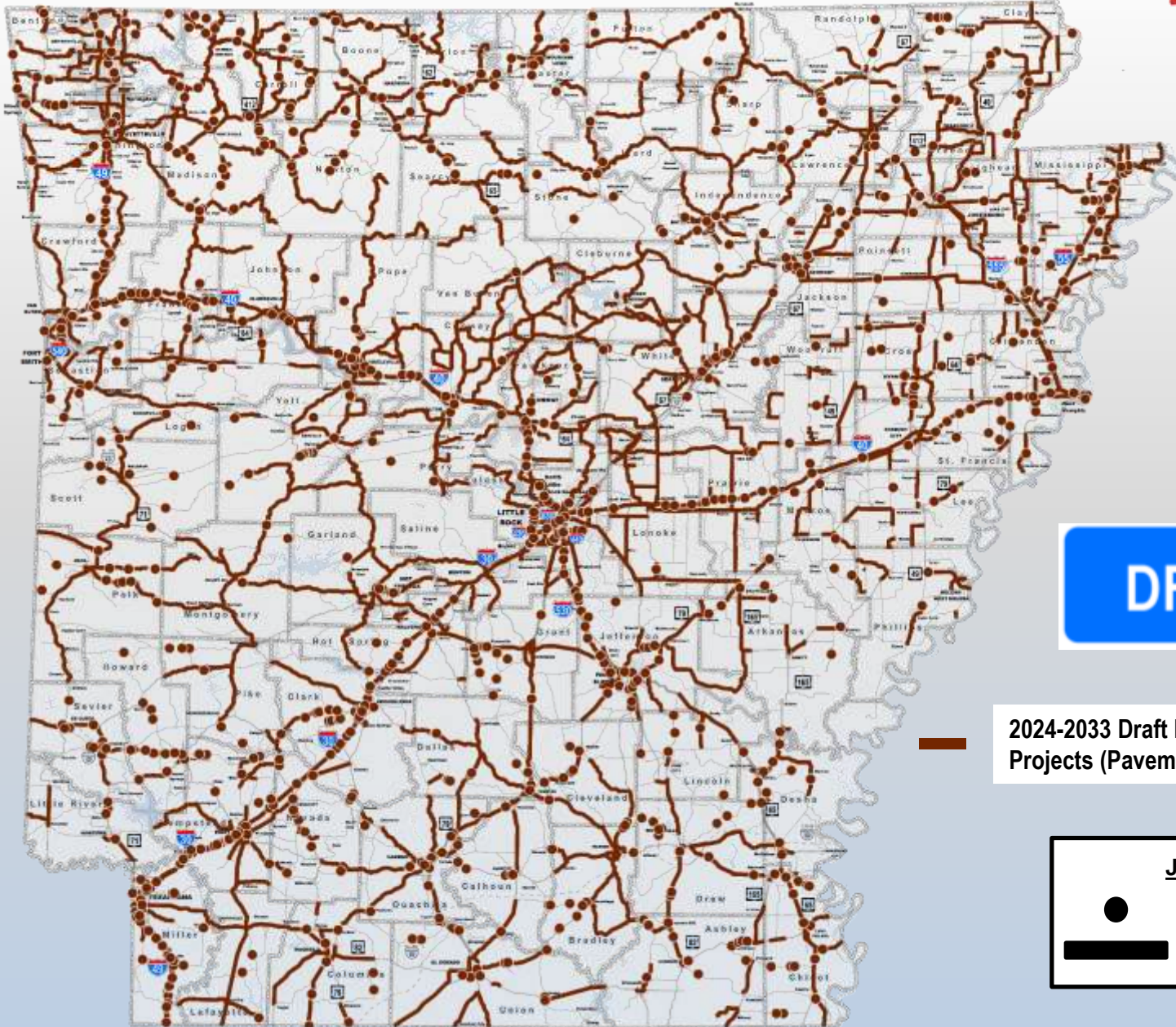
Safety Improvements \$0.5 Billion

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**Total** \$7.4 Billion







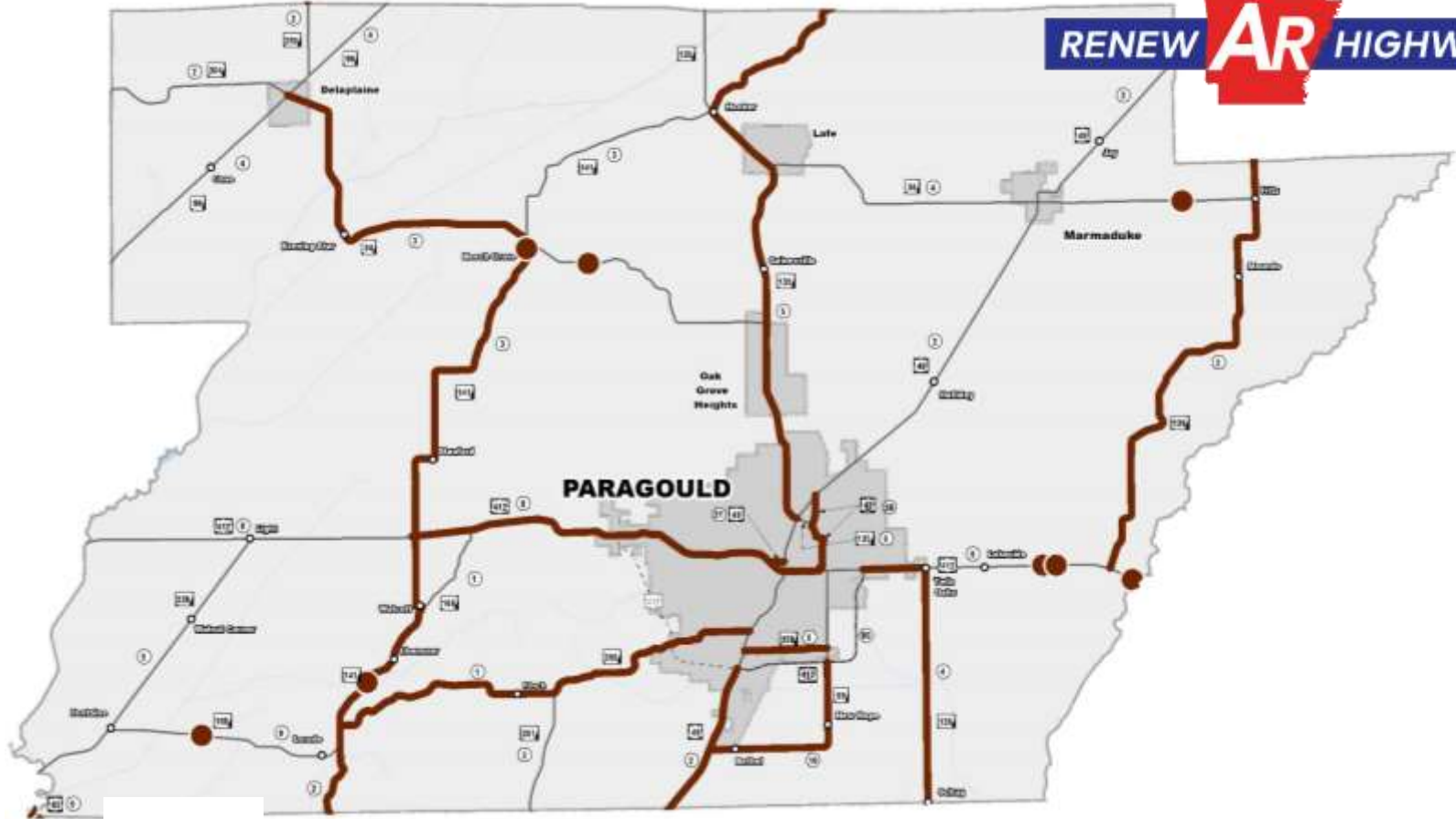
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2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

**Job Type**

- Bridge
- ▬ Roadway

# Greene County Pavement & Bridge Preservation Projects



## 29 Projects / 100 Miles / \$50 Million

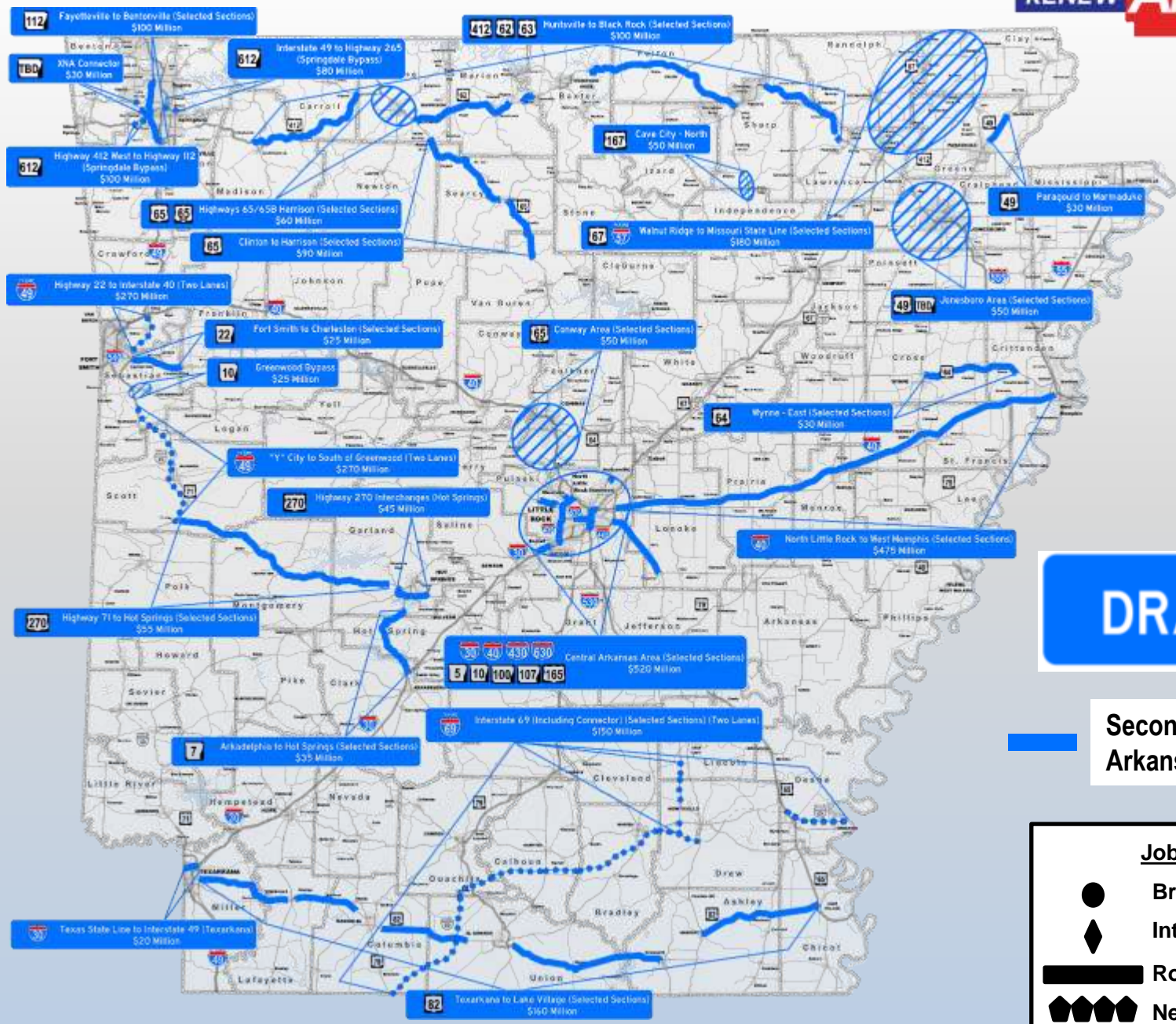
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# Second Connecting Arkansas Program



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**Second Connecting Arkansas Program**

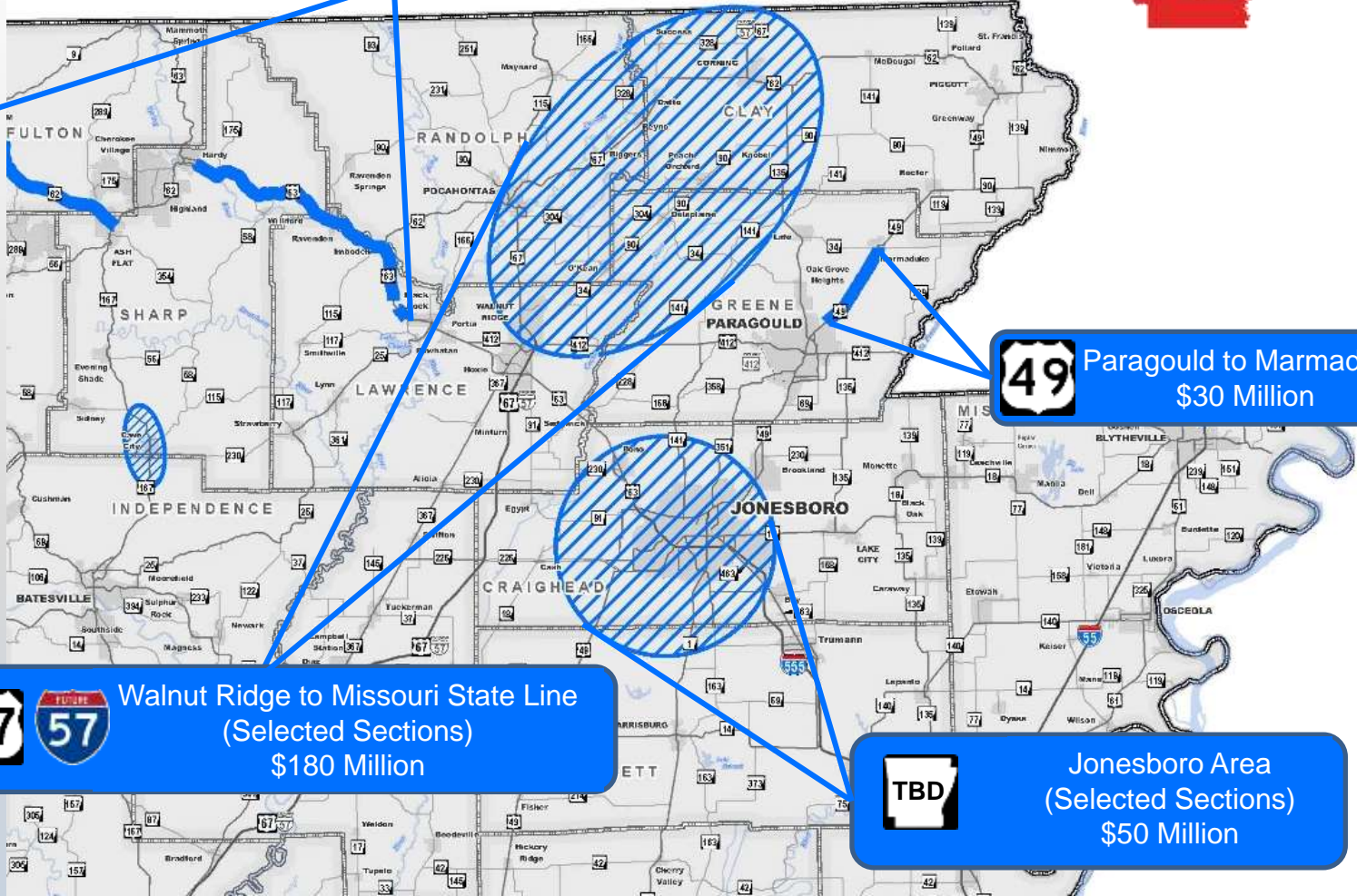
**Job Type**

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



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



Second Connecting  
Arkansas Program

DRAFT

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

## Greene County

2023 – \$2.0 Million

2024 – \$1.4 Million

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

## City of Paragould

2023 – \$2.1 Million

2024 – \$1.5 Million

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



# Key Takeaways



**Average Family  
\$8 / month**

**No Increase  
No Decrease**

**Not on  
Groceries  
Motor Fuel  
Prescription Meds**

**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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