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Director



Issue 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment
November 3, 2020 General Election

Benton Area Chamber of Commerce
Monday, September 21, 2020

Benton High students named

John E. Archer
Benton High School will have 27 honor graduates Friday night, including one who did not get top honors with straight A averages.

Charlotte Bethel
The top five graduates are Julie Bradburn, Ann Lovell, Charlotte, Tawadi "Tasty" Gaerra, Jay W. Kotekas and Melanie Diane Watson.

Mary Gayle Geary
MIAA Bradburns is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don Bradburns of 202 Brookview Drive, and plans to major in business administration and accounting at Southern Methodist University.

Kelly Leigh Hardin
Mrs. Charlette is the wife of Mike Charlette and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Lovell of 364 River St., and she plans to major in engineering at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Denise Harris
Geary is the son of Jaime Gaerra and Glenda Gaerra of 1234 Watson Place and plans to major in accounting as a pre-law at University of Kansas in Fortwade.

Laurie Harris, daughter of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Kutzka Jr. of 1501 Harmon Drive, and plans to major in psychology at Smith College in Conway.

John E. Archer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Archer of 102 Colquhoun Drive and plans to study medical science at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Laurie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hubert of 1121 Southern Drive, plans to major in nursing at Arkansas Tech University.

Paul Wilkie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hicks of 2215 Silica Heights Road, plans to major in engineering, technology and chemical engineering at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Tony Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hill of 1518 Nettle St., plans to major in medical technology at University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

John Tom Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Jones of 1011 Darwood Drive, plans to major in mathematics at University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Scott Howard Kaye, son of Dr. John Kaye of Route 1, Lerks Road, New Iberia, La., and Betty Goodrich of 1001 Cornett Drive, Benton, plans to major in medicine at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Denise Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kaye of 1124 Sander Way, plans to major in mathematics at Harding College in Searcy.

Kevin Gregory Mitchell, son of Bruce G. and Pauline Mitchell of 1201 Simpson Road, Benton, plans to major in biology and chemistry at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and



Eastside Jr. High Royalty

...members of the Eastside Jr. High Royalty are shown above, front row, Laurie Harris, seventh grade maid, Laura Kay, queen, Lisa Nelson, seventh grade maid; back row, left to right, Tom Shell, eighth grade maid; Renita Eubanks, Deborah Whaley and Kerry Richards, ninth grade maids, and Tammy James, eighth grade maid. The ESHH court reigned over homecoming activities Thursday night, November 2, when the Cougars were hosts to the Sylvan Hills team in a conference game at 7:20. Sylvan Hills won the game 24-8.

Page 2A---THE BENTON COURIER, Wednesday Evening, August 23, 1972



Photo—Curtis Arrowood

GRADUATES OF GEMS, a baby-sitting course sponsored by the Benton Junior Auxiliary, are, from left, on the front row, Diane Watson, Kelly Hardin, Laura Roberson, Roxanne Rankin, Lori Holthcote, Susan Hearn, Laurie Harris. On the second row, from left, are Melody Loster, Denise Burson, Dea Stanley, Jessica Petray, Credonna Huchingson, Vanessa Armbrust and Kathy Oldner.



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Funding Challenges







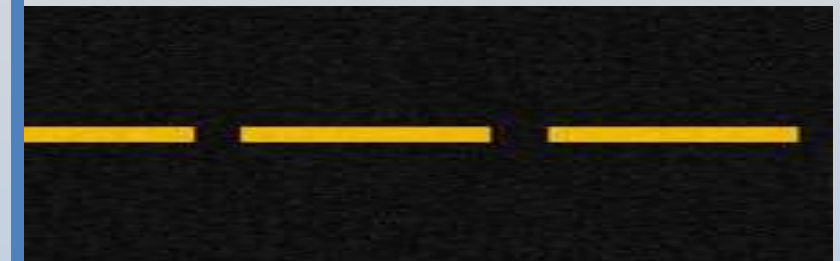
\$10,000,000 Overlay Program

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

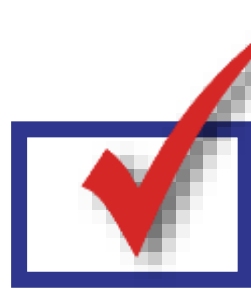
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The Ballot Question: Issue 1

FOR



Funding from current sales tax continues after June 2023

AGAINST



Funding from current sales tax ends in June 2023

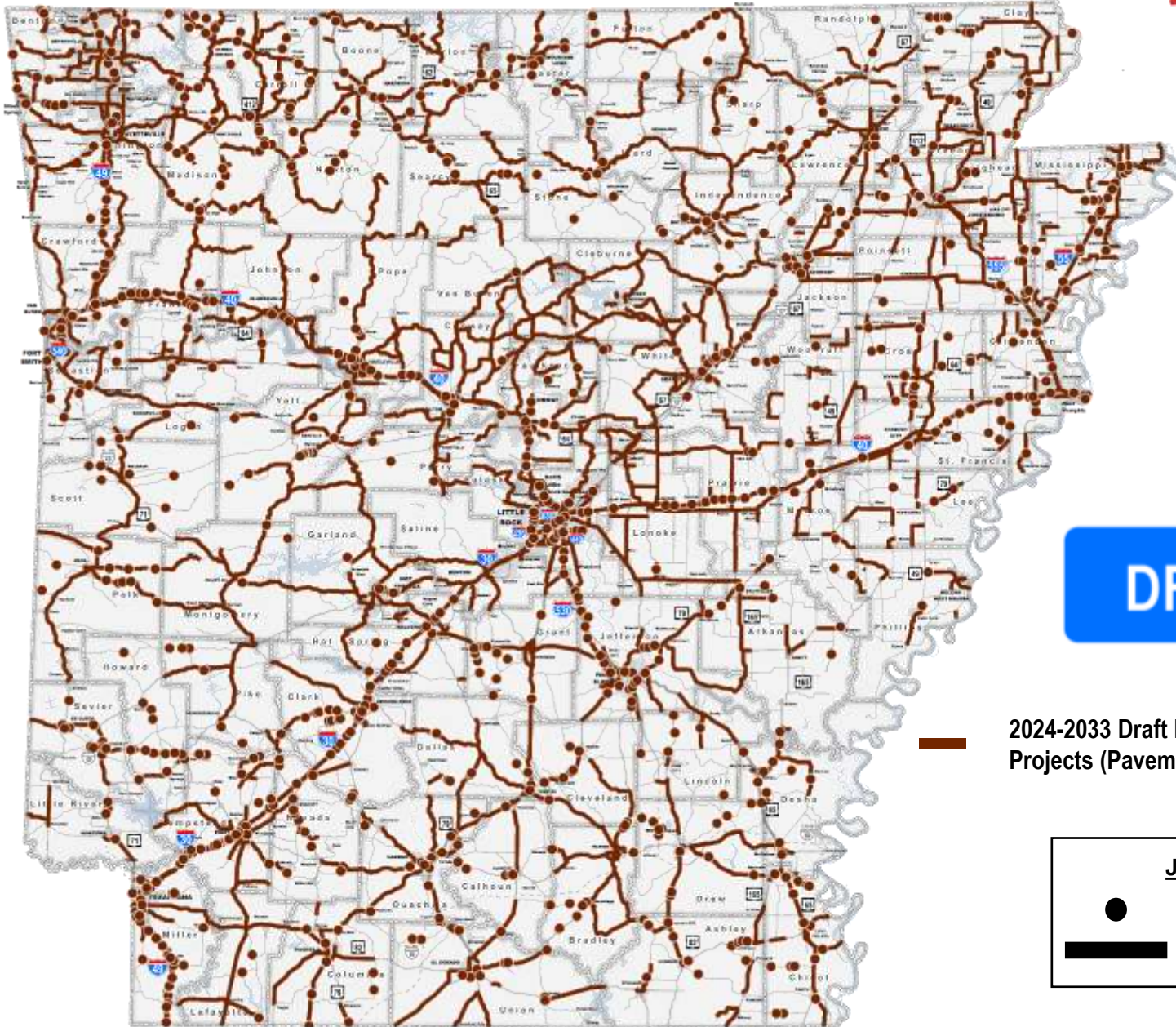
If Issue 1 Passes



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



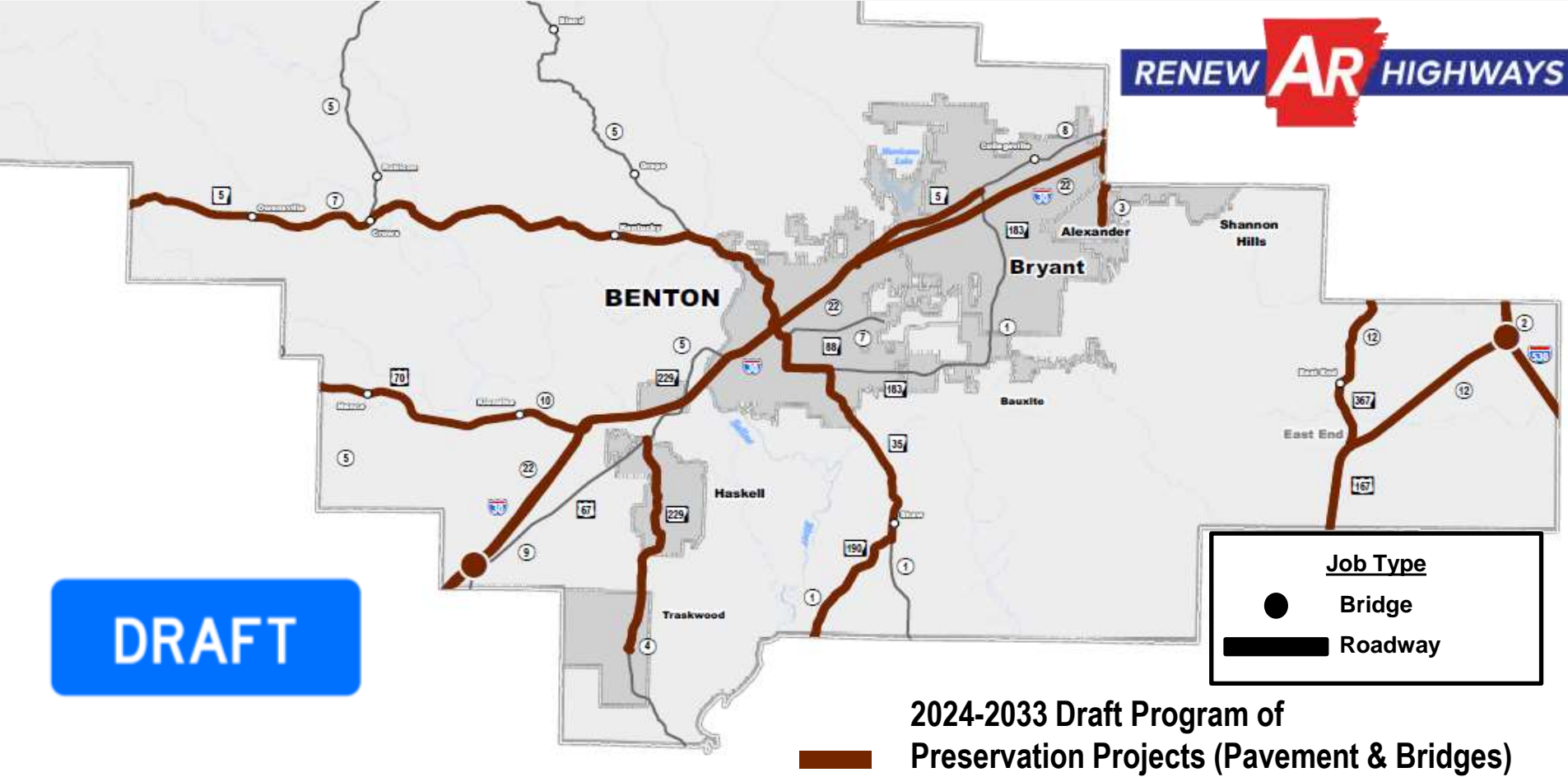


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— 2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

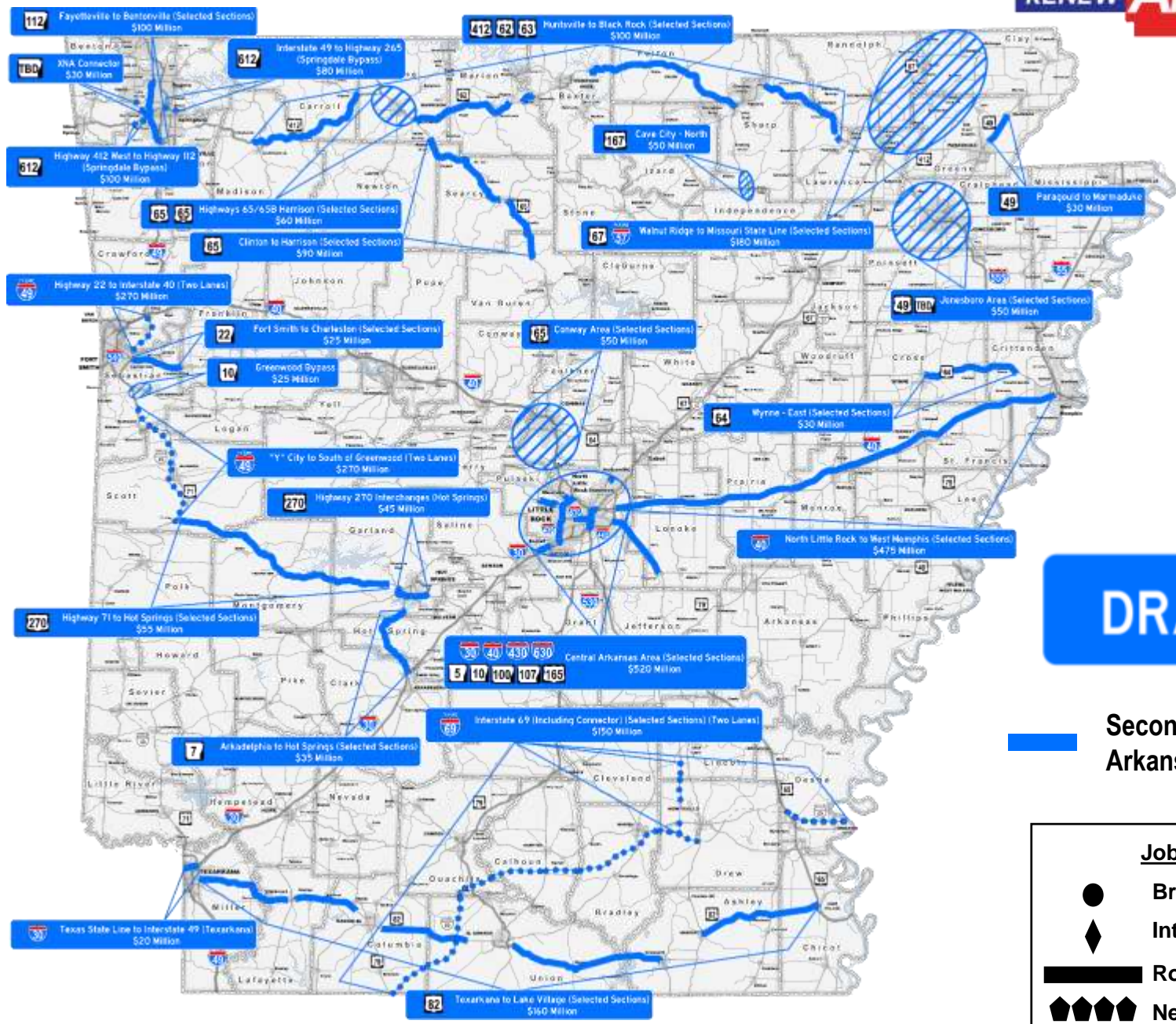
Job Type	
●	Bridge
—	Roadway

Saline County Pavement & Bridge Preservation Projects



18 Projects / 145 Miles / \$67 Million

Second Connecting Arkansas Program



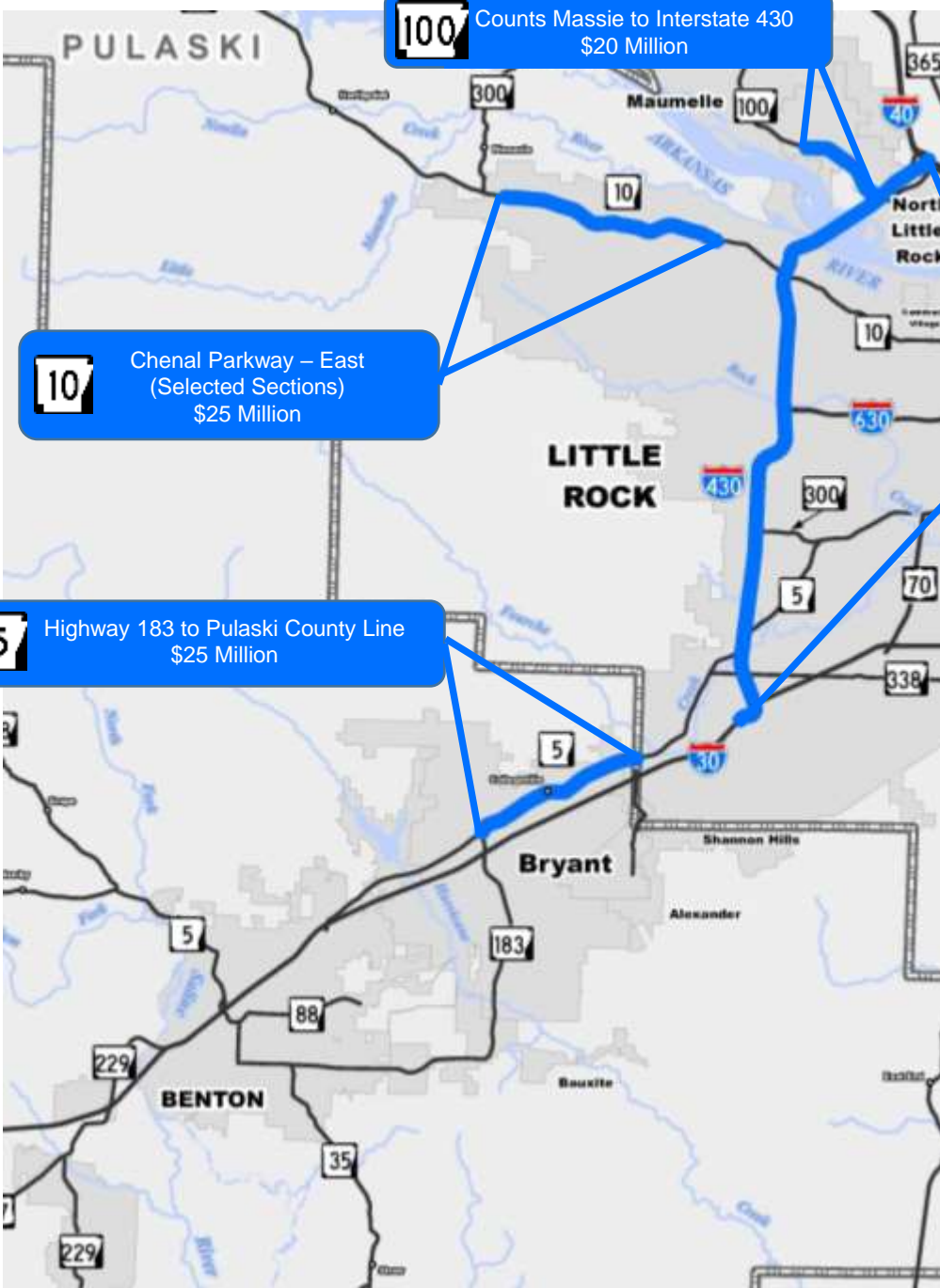
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Second Connecting Arkansas Program

Job Type

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

Second Connecting Arkansas Program



100 Counts Massie to Interstate 430
\$20 Million

10 Chenal Parkway – East
(Selected Sections)
\$25 Million

5 Highway 183 to Pulaski County Line
\$25 Million

430 Interstate 30 to Interstate 40
\$30 Million

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Second Connecting Arkansas Program

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

Saline County

2023 – \$3.9 Million

2024 – \$2.8 Million

Loss of Funding – \$1,100,000 Per Year

City of Benton

2023 – \$2.4 Million

2024 – \$1.7 Million

Loss of Funding – \$700,000 Per Year

Key Takeaways

Average Family
\$8 / month

No Increase
No Decrease

Not a New Tax

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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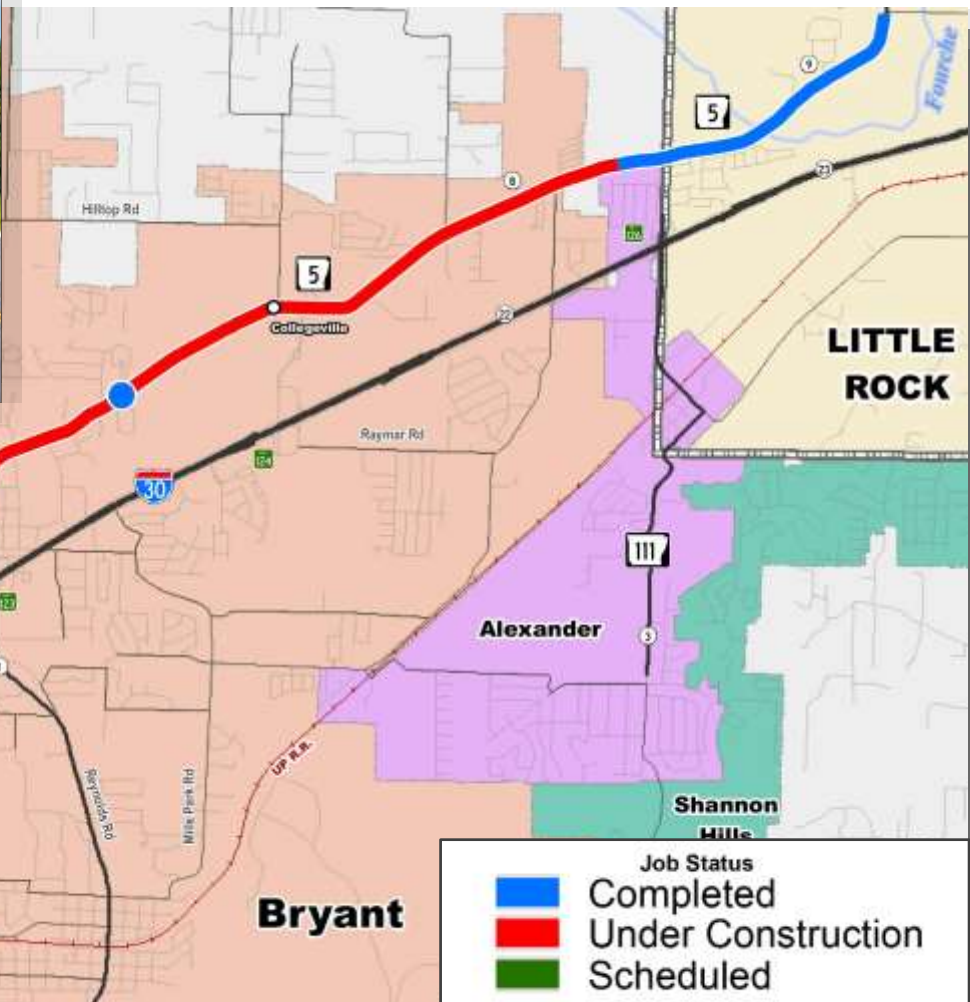
Interstate 30 – Hwy. 70 to Sevier St.



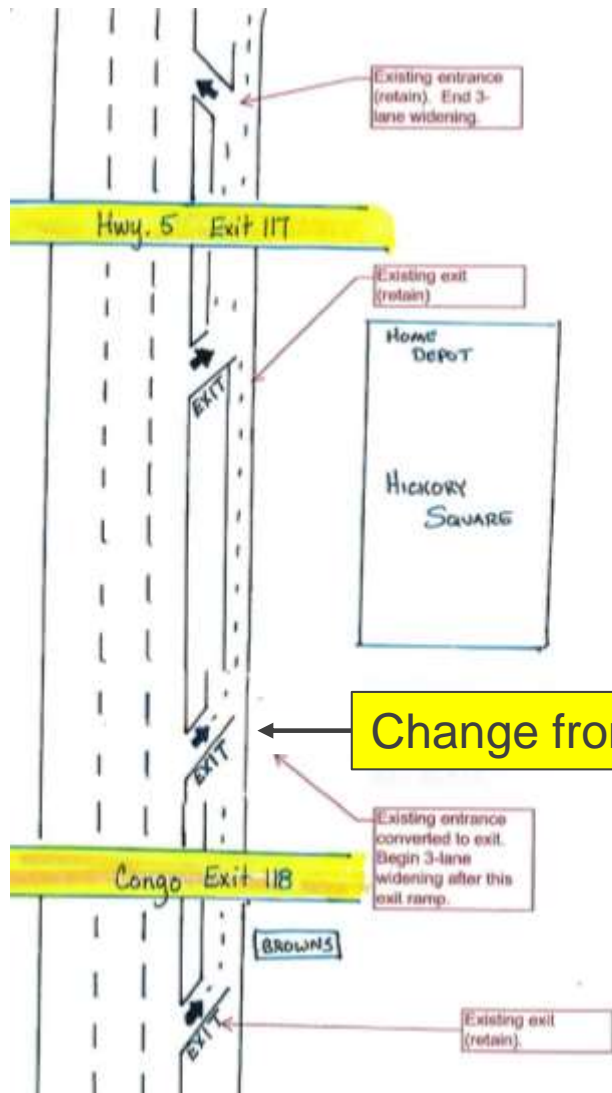
Highway 5 – Benton to HSV



Hwy. 5 – Benton to Pulaski Co Line



I-30 – Exit Ramp Reconfiguration



\$7.5 Million
Possible Partnering