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# Issue 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
November 3, 2020 General Election

Batesville Rotary Club  
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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



[connectingarkansasprogram.com](http://connectingarkansasprogram.com)

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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*

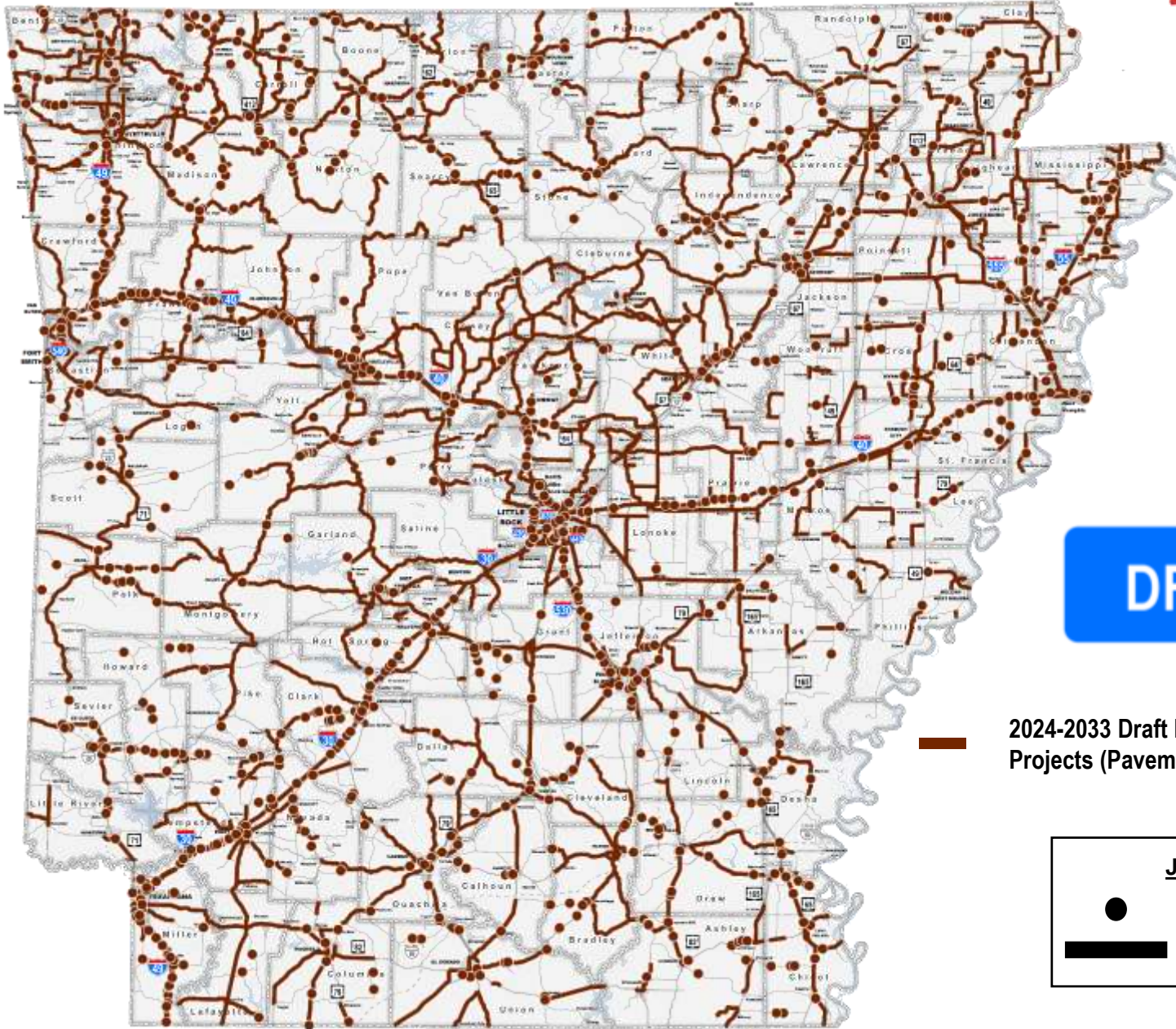
# If Issue 1 Passes



## 10-Year *Renew Arkansas Highways* Program

Pavement Preservation	\$3.0 Billion
Bridge Improvements and Preservation	\$1.1 Billion
Interstate Maintenance	\$1.0 Billion
Safety Improvements	\$0.5 Billion
Capital and Congestion Relief (CAP-2)	\$1.8 Billion
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.4 Billion</b>



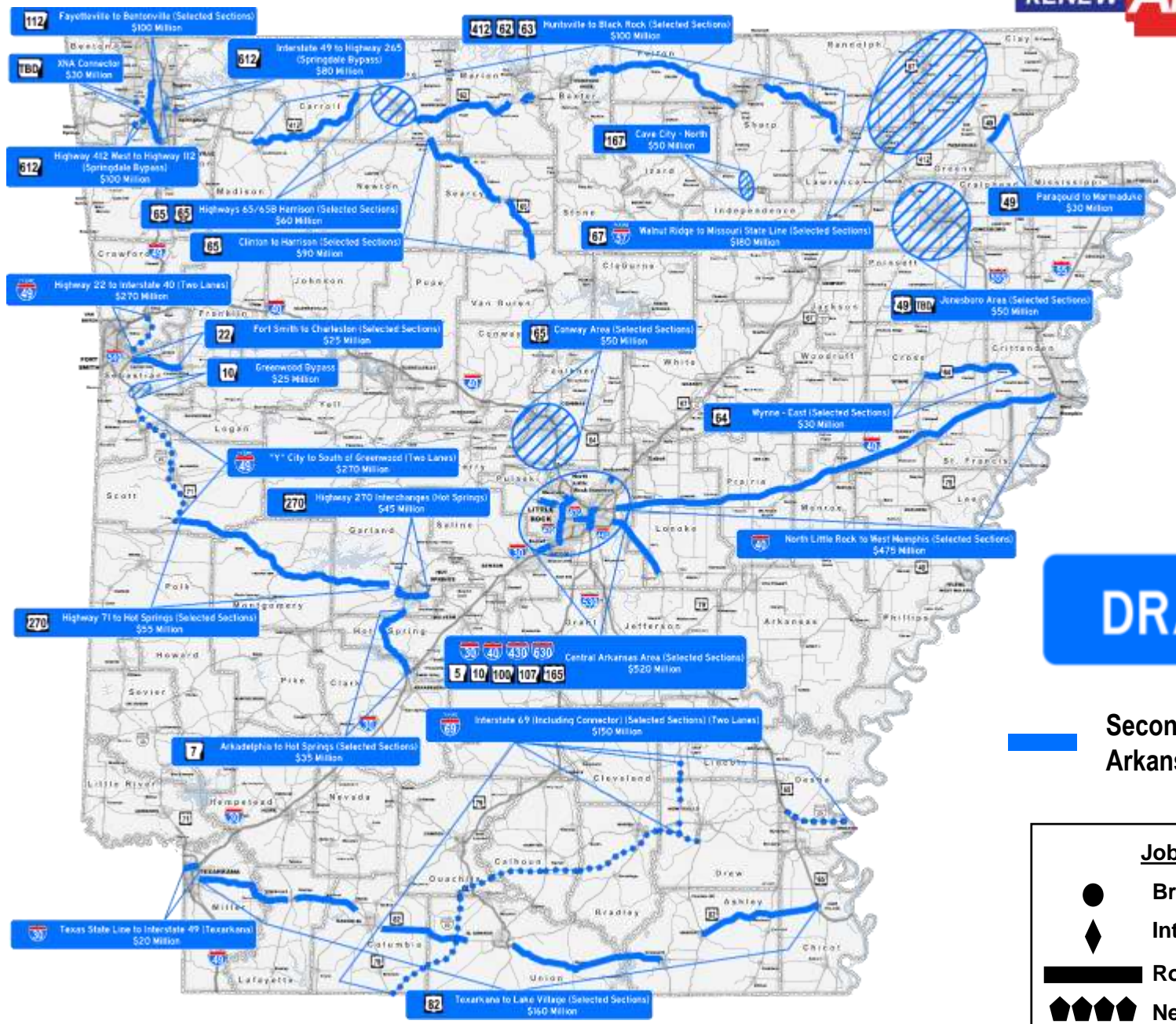


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— 2024-2033 Draft Program of Preservation Projects (Pavement & Bridges)

Job Type	
●	Bridge
—	Roadway

# Second Connecting Arkansas Program



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**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

## Independence County

2023 – \$2.2 Million

2024 – \$1.5 Million

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

## City of Batesville

2023 – \$810,000

2024 – \$570,000

**Loss of Funding – \$240,000 Per Year**

# Key Takeaways

**Average Family  
\$8 / month**

**No Increase  
No Decrease**

**Not on Groceries**

**Only for  
Road Improvements**



# Arkansans Need to Decide How to Fund



*Your*  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM





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