

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



**AR Asphalt Pavement Assoc.
Board Meeting
March 28, 2012**

Quality Partners

**“Quality is not an act, it is a habit.”
- Aristotle**



Reauthorization

- **910 days since SAFETEA-LU expired**
- **8 extensions since September 30, 2009**
- **Current extension expires March 31, 2012, along with authorization to collect Federal fuel taxes (\$100 million daily into Highway Trust Fund)**
- **Funds appropriated through September 30, 2012, but may not have spending authorization**

Reauthorization – Senate

- **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)**
 - ✓ **Passed by Senate on March 14th**
 - ✓ **2-year bill – started 6 months ago**
 - ✓ **At current funding levels – Arkansas to receive \$1.05B over 2 years**
 - ✓ **Paid for by \$10 billion in one-time transfers to Highway Trust Fund**
 - ✓ **State guaranteed 95% return**
 - ✓ **Eliminates Earmarks**

Reauthorization – Senate (cont)

- **Consolidates many programs**
- **Bike-ped spending eligible but not required**
- **Performance measures for safety, road conditions, overall system performance – make progress toward goals or risk losing funding**
- **Competitive grants and set-asides for “loans”**
- **Streamlines NEPA process**

Reauthorization – House

➤ The American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act

- ✓ Approved by House T&I, Ways and Means, and Natural Resources Committees
- ✓ 5-year bill near current funding levels (\$2 billion/year less than MAP-21) – need \$45 billion for full funding
- ✓ Many provisions similar to MAP-21

Reauthorization

➤ Steps needed to enact a bill

- ✓ House must debate and pass their bill
- ✓ House and Senate must agree on and pass a final bill



➤ Can this happen by March 31, 2012???

- House proposes 90-day extension; Senate wants no more than 45 days
- 2-week Easter Recess coming

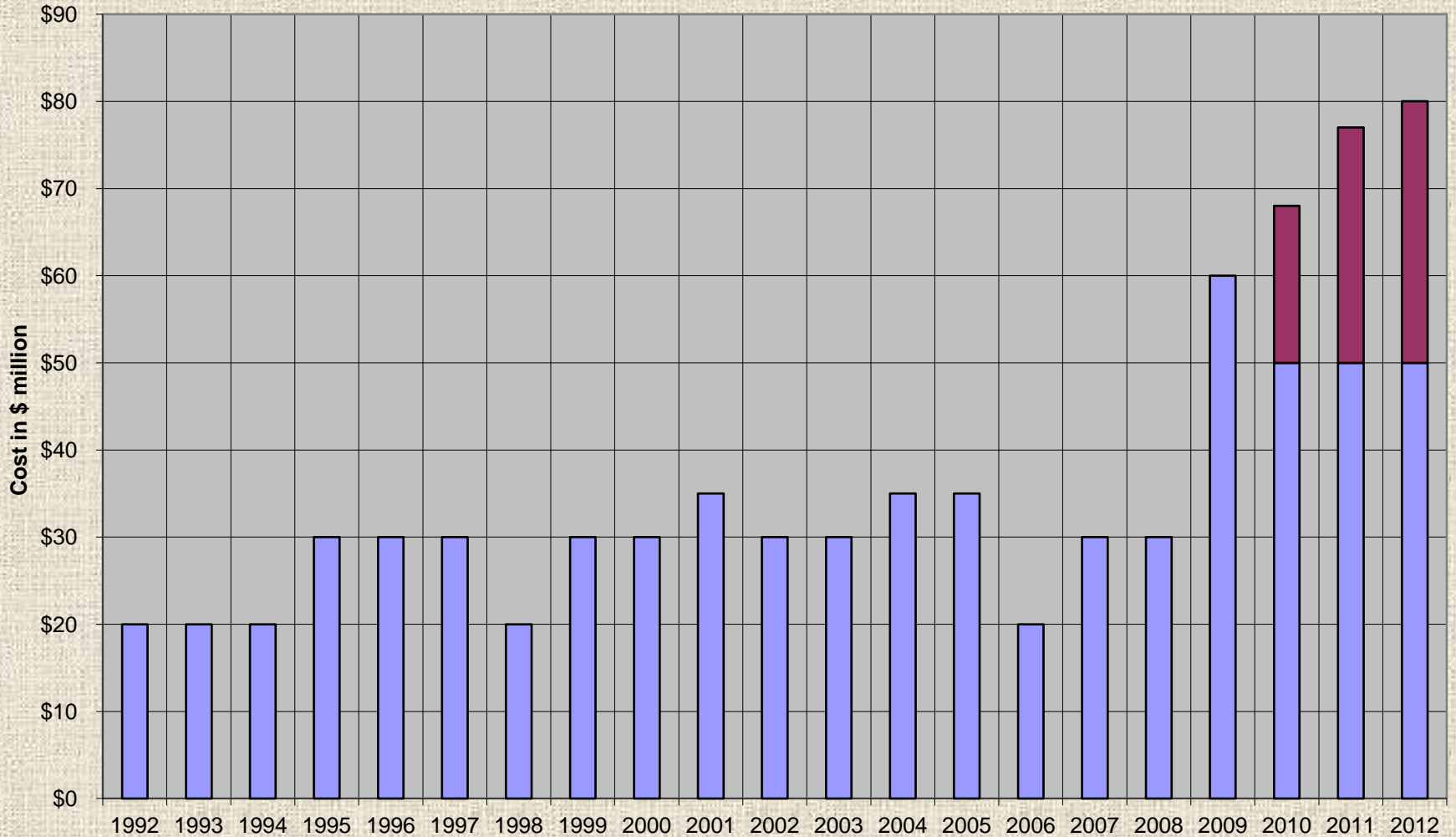


2013 Appropriations

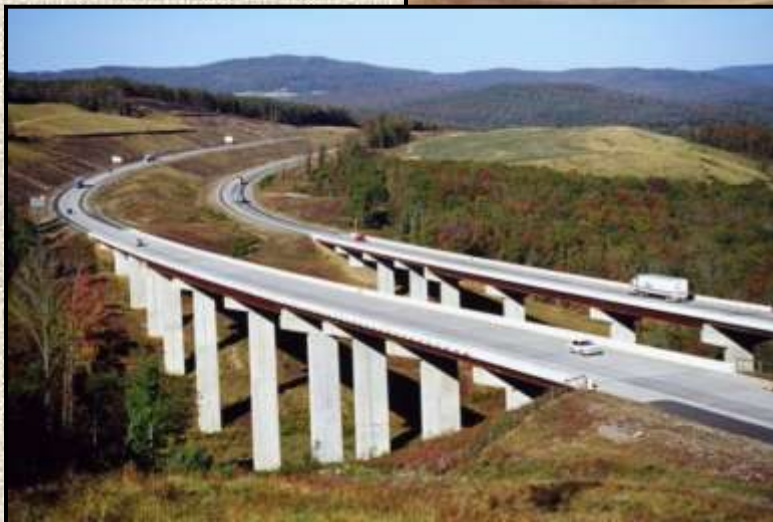
- **House Budget Committee**
**“blueprint” includes 36%
reduction in spending authority
 (“We’re just out of money”)**

Annual Overlay Program

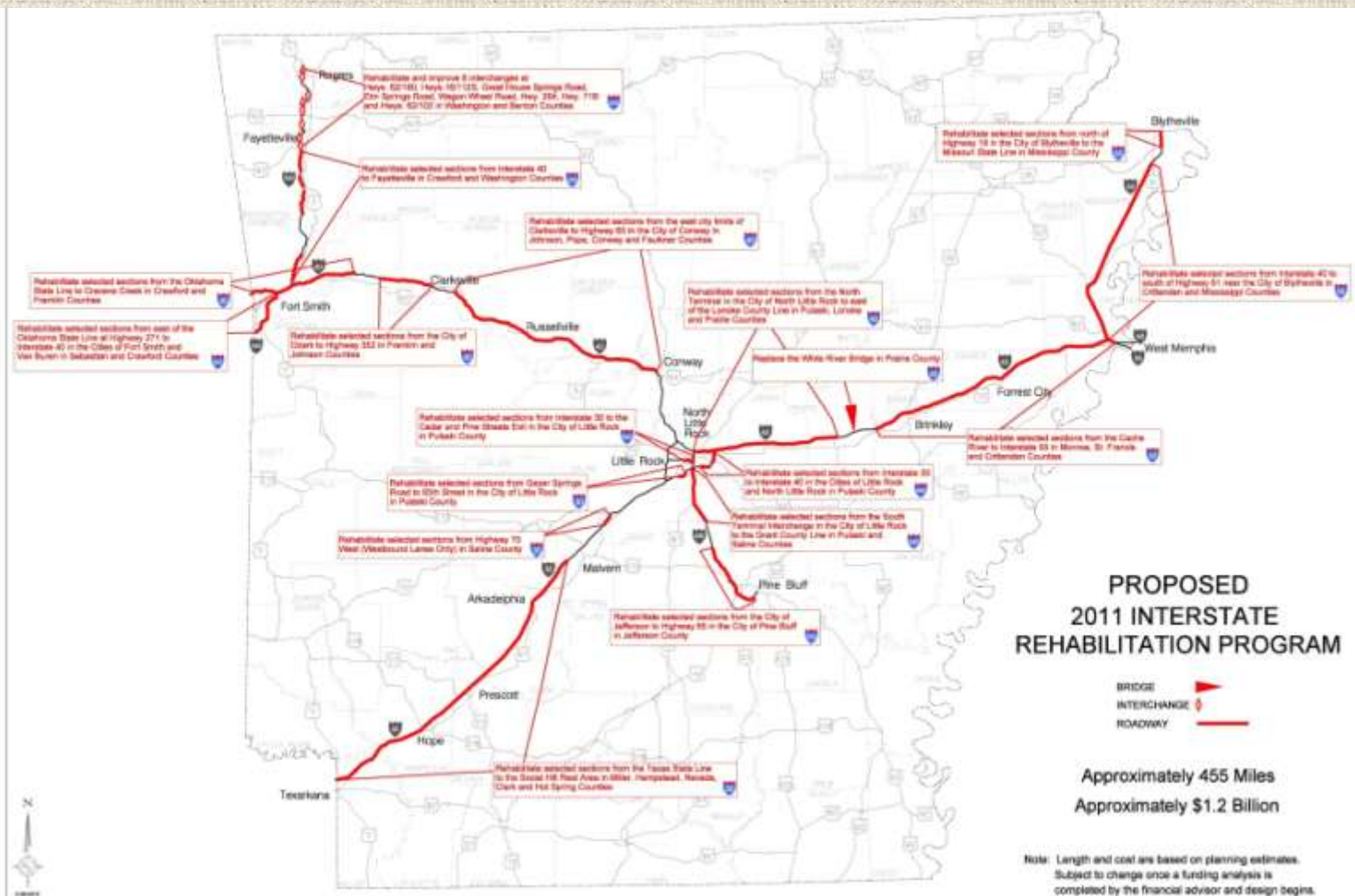
■ Overlay Amount ■ Fayetteville Shale Amount



2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program



2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program Map



INTERSTATE CONDITION

1999 PRE-IRP



2006 POST-IRP



2014



2020 WITH BONDS



GOOD

FAIR

POOR

Temporary 0.5% Sales Tax (Issue #1)

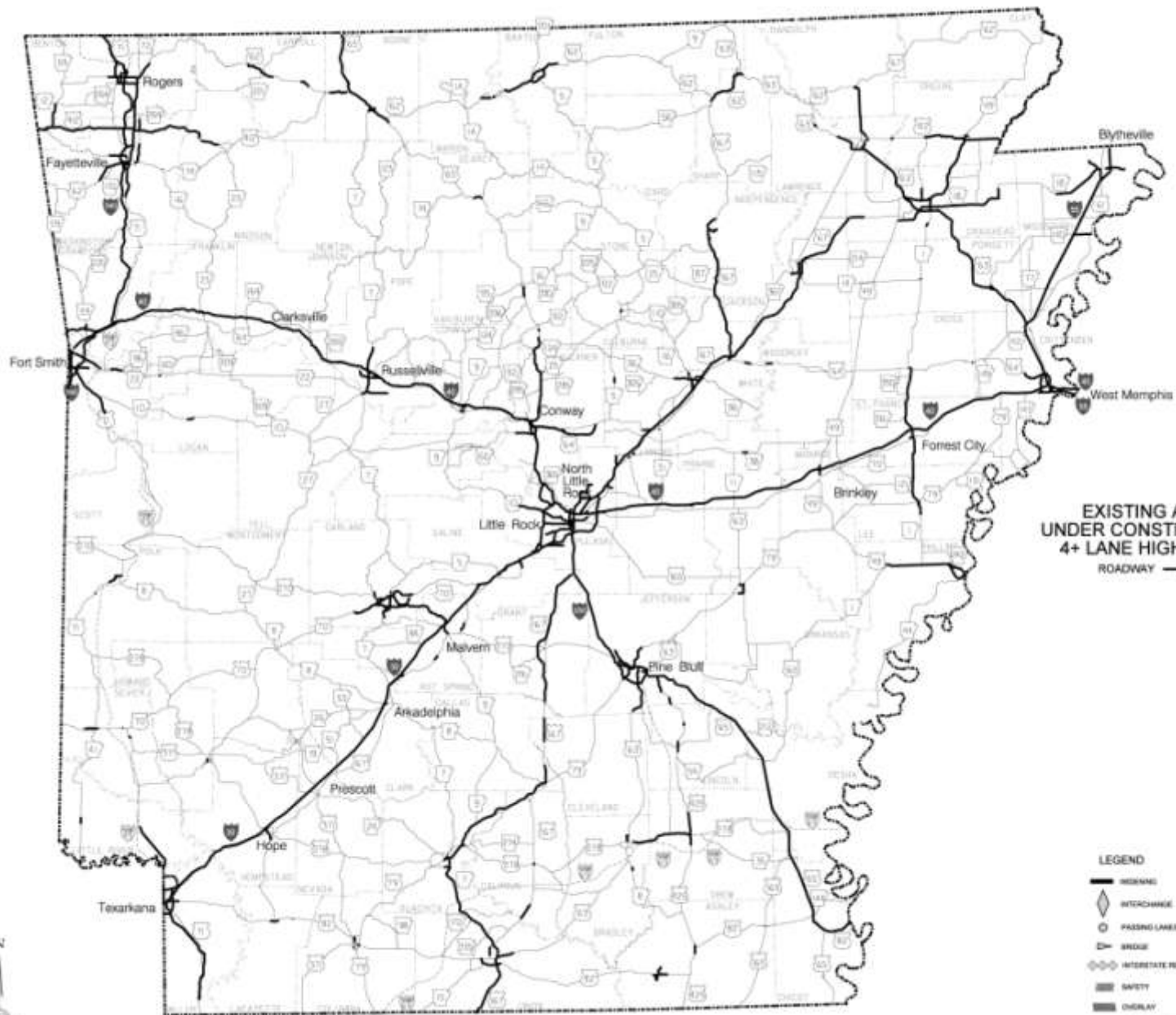
- November 6, 2012 election ballot
- Temporary Increase
- \$230m annually (\$160m/\$35m/\$35m)
- State Aid Street Fund for City Streets



Temporary 0.5% Sales Tax (Issue #1)

- **Bond debt retired over 10 years**
- **\$1.3 Billion in general obligation bonds**
- **Tax expires when the bonds are retired**
- **Four-lane highways**
- **\$1.8 Billion total program**

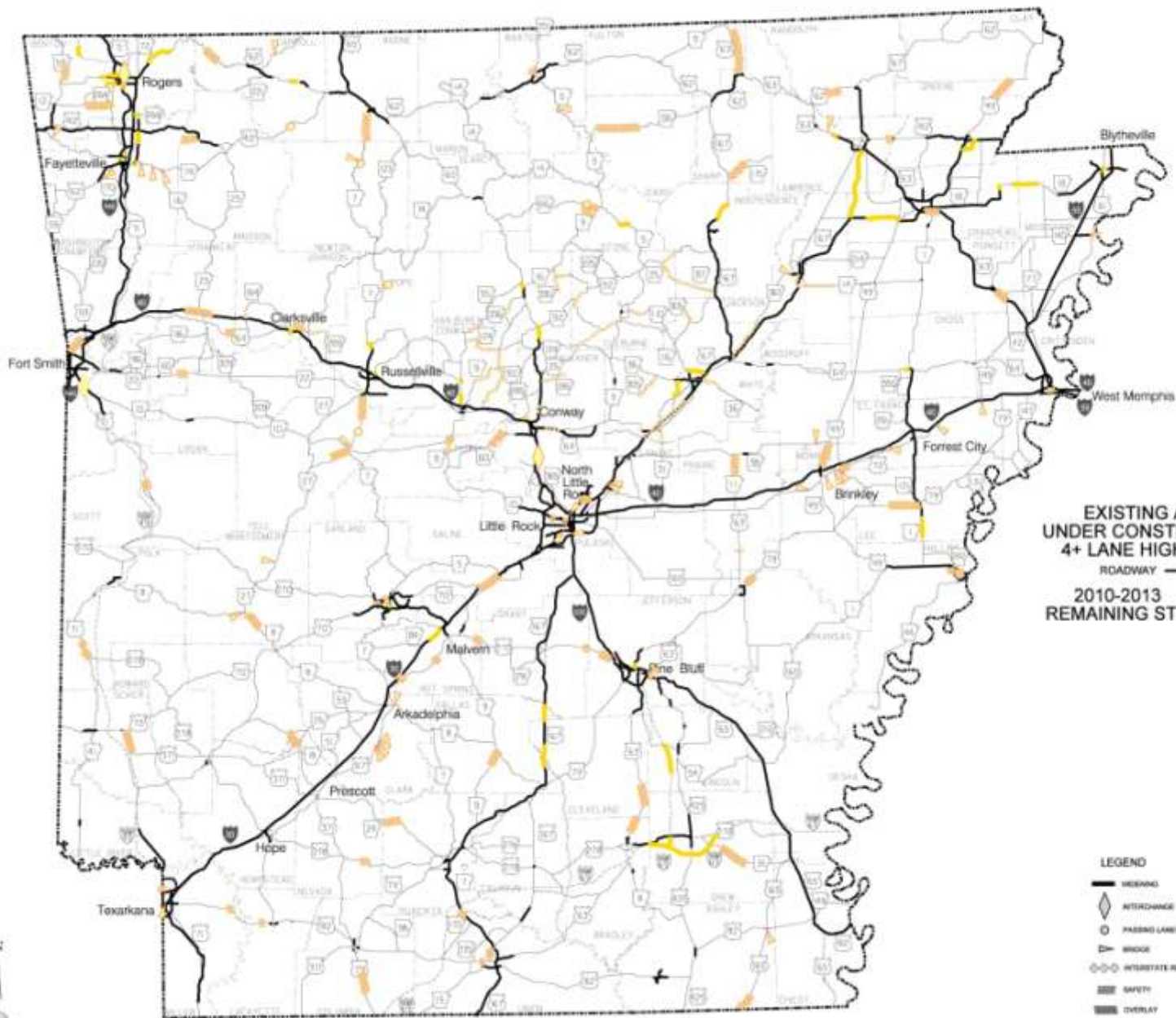




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4+ LANE HIGHWAYS**
ROADWAY —

LEGEND

- HIGHWAY
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- ▨ OVERLAY
- ⋯ REFERENCE TIE

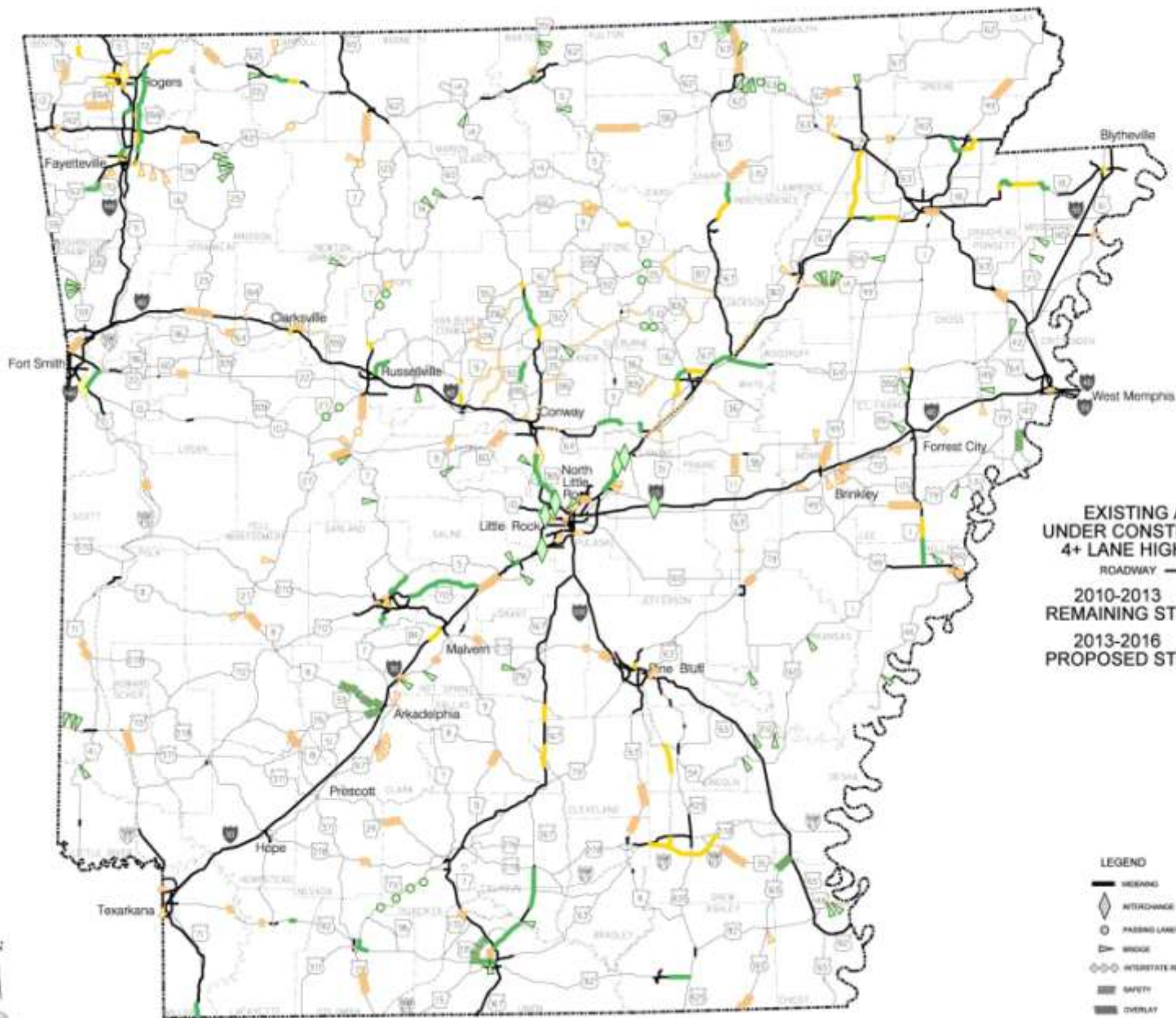


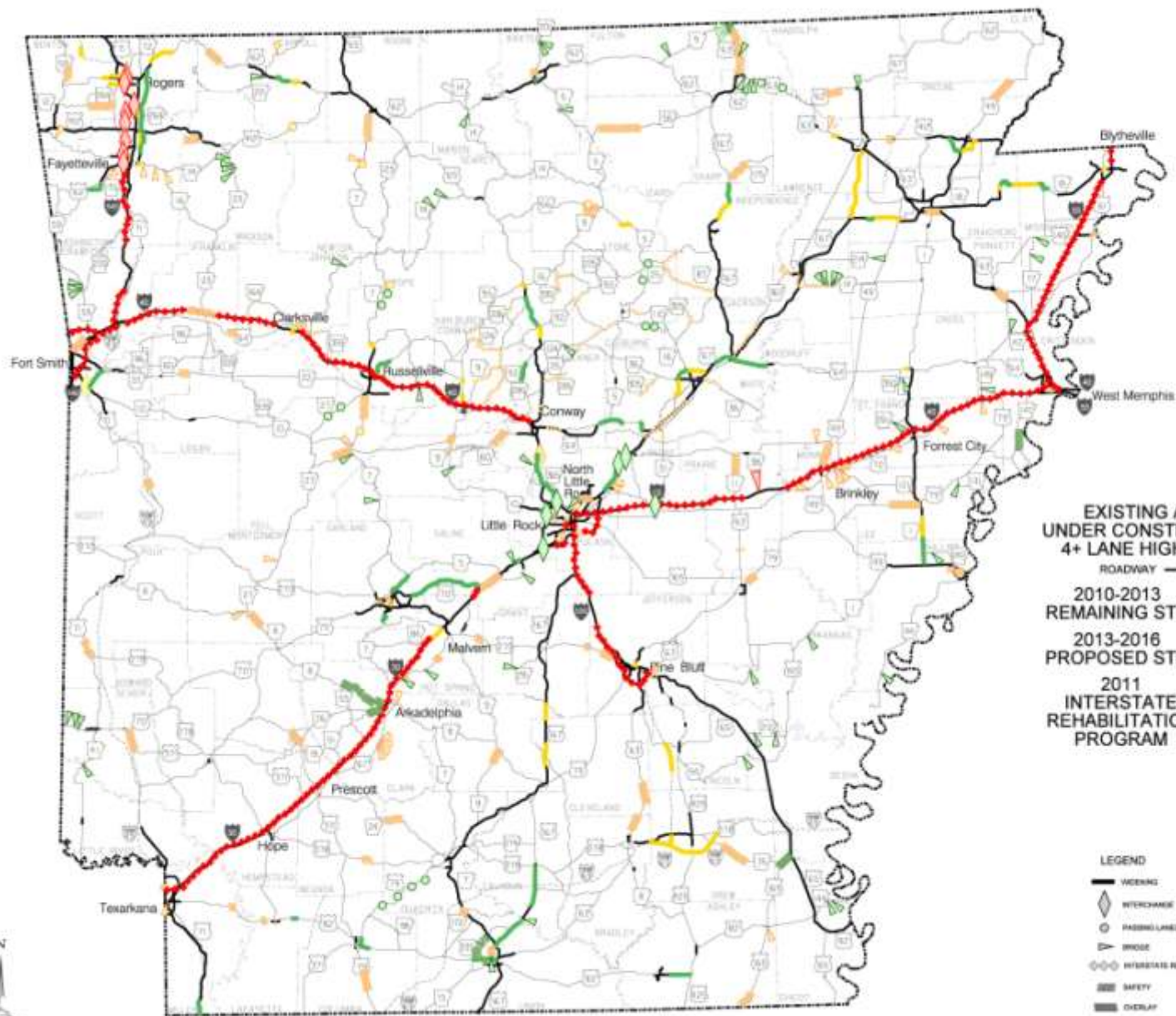
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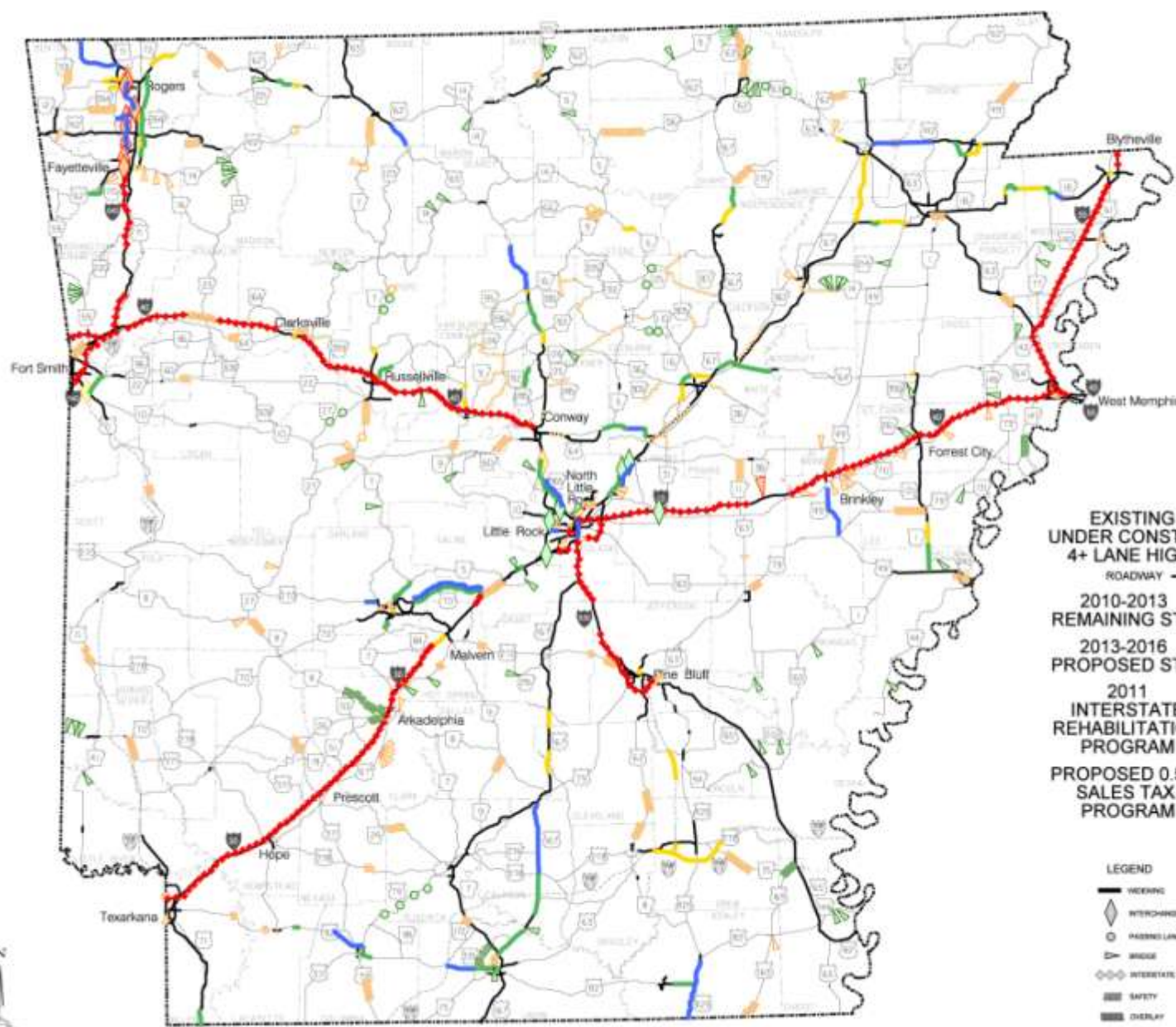
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EXISTING AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION 4+ LANE HIGHWAYS

ROADWAY —

2010-2013 REMAINING STIP —

2013-2016 PROPOSED STIP —

2011 INTERSTATE REHABILITATION PROGRAM —

PROPOSED 0.5% SALES TAX PROGRAM —

LEGEND

- WORKING
- ◇ INTERCHANGE
- PAVED LINES
- ◇ BRIDGE
- ◇◇ INTERSTATE ROAD
- ▨ SAFETY
- ▨ OVERLAY
- ▨ SEVERANCE TAX

Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- **Completion of widening I-540 between Fayetteville and Bentonville;**
- **Completion of the initial two lanes of the ultimate four lanes of the Bella Vista Bypass (Future I-49);**
- **Beginning the four-lane construction of the U.S. Highway 412 Bypass (Springdale) from I-540 westward to XNA Connector;**

Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- **Completion of widening I-40 to six lanes between Conway and North Little Rock;**
- **Completion of widening U.S. Highway 67 to six lanes from Jacksonville to Cabot;**
- **Improvements to I-30 connecting Little Rock and North Little Rock, including widening Arkansas River bridge;**

Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 64 to four lanes between Conway and Beebe;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 70 to four lanes between I-30 and Hot Springs;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 167 to four lanes between I-530 and El Dorado;**
- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 412 to four lanes between Paragould and Walnut Ridge;**

Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- **Completion of widening U. S. Highway 425 to four lanes from Hamburg to the Louisiana state line;**
- **Completion of widening Highway 18 to four lanes between Jonesboro and Blytheville;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Clinton northward;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 65 to four lanes from Bellefonte southward;**

Benefits of Temporary 0.5% Tax

- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 49 to four lanes from Brinkley southward toward Helena-West Helena;**
- **Continuation of widening U. S. Highway 270 to four lanes from Hot Springs westward;**
- **Beginning the widening of U. S. Highway 82 to four lanes between Magnolia and El Dorado.**

Preliminary Polling Data

Temporary 1/2-cent Sales Tax

Definitely FOR	32%
Probably FOR	25%
Probably AGAINST	14%
Definitely AGAINST	18%
Undecided	12%

Severance Tax Rate to Flat Seven Percent

Definitely FOR	20%
Probably FOR	15%
Probably AGAINST	19%
Definitely AGAINST	30%
Undecided	17%



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