



Question:

How can Arkansas build more four-lane highways, improve county roads, fix city streets, and support 40,000 jobs, without raising taxes on groceries, medicine or gasoline?

Answer:

Vote FOR Issue #1
on Tuesday, November 6.



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Question:

What is Issue #1?

Answer:

Issue #1 is a Proposed Constitutional Amendment that will appear on the November 6, 2012, General Election ballot. Issue #1 will finance a \$1.3 billion bond issue for four-lane highway construction designed to connect all parts of Arkansas, as well as provide over \$700 million to be shared by every city and county for local road and street improvements, without raising taxes on groceries, medicine or gasoline.

Question:

How will Issue #1 provide new revenue for better highways, roads and streets?

Answer:

Issue #1 will get revenue from a temporary ½¢ sales tax that will be for 10 years only. The temporary tax will be abolished when the 10-year bond issue is paid off. There can be no extension of the tax under this constitutional amendment.

Question:

Who will pay for Issue #1?

Answer:

The temporary tax funding Issue #1 will be shared statewide by consumers and road users. However, taxes will not be raised on groceries or medicine. And Issue #1 will not raise gas taxes.

Question:

Will Issue #1 provide any other revenue for the state or cities and counties?

Answer:

Issue #1 will also provide over \$700 million to be shared by every city, town and county to repair county roads and fix city streets. Issue #1 will also establish a permanent \$20 million State Aid Street Fund for Arkansas cities and towns to apply for funds to improve city streets. *(A list of the additional amount each city and county will receive from turnback can be found on our website at **MoveArkansasForward.com.**)*

Question:

How will Issue #1 benefit Arkansas?

Answer:

Construction and maintenance work on state highways, county roads and city streets will support over 40,000 jobs. Job creation through construction programs around the state will provide increased payrolls, allow Arkansas consumers to save or spend more on goods and services, and improve the overall economy of the state, as it helps to reduce unemployment. Plus, modern four-lane highways and better roads and bridges will support economic development and make it more desirable for companies to locate, expand and do business in Arkansas.

Question:

What's in it for me?

Answer:

In addition to more jobs and improving the state's economy, Issue #1 will make roads safer and less congested for all, including school buses, emergency vehicles and drivers like you who share the highways with big trucks.



Four-Lane Construction of Regional Significance

Question:

What are the specific four-lane projects that will be funded?

Answer:

The blue lines on the map representing four-lane improvements help tie together the ongoing construction and maintenance work of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. Along with the \$1.3 billion bond issue financed by Issue #1, existing revenue will increase the total program to \$1.8 billion over 10 years.

Here is a list of four-lane projects that will be completed by Issue #1. These projects are in addition to the over \$700 million in new state turnback funds to be shared by every city, town and county.

Central Arkansas

- Widening of US Hwy 70 to four lanes between I-30 and Hot Springs
- Continuation of widening US Hwy 270 to four lanes from Hot Springs westward
- Completion of widening US Hwy 64 to four lanes between Conway and Beebe
- Completion of widening I-40 to six lanes between Little Rock and Conway
- Completion of widening US Hwy 67 to six lanes from Jacksonville to Cabot
- Improvements to I-30 connecting Little Rock and North Little Rock, including widening the I-30 Arkansas River Bridge (120,000 cars a day)
- Continuation of widening I-630 in Little Rock from Baptist Hospital to University Ave.

Northwest Arkansas

- Widening I-540 to six lanes between Fayetteville and Bentonville
- Completion of the initial two lanes of the future four-lane Bella Vista bypass
- Beginning four-lane construction of the US Hwy 412 Springdale bypass from I-540 to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) connector

South Arkansas

- Completion of widening US Hwy 425 to four lanes from Hamburg to the Louisiana line
- Completion of widening US Hwy 167 to four lanes between I-530 and El Dorado
- Beginning the widening of US Hwy 82 to four lanes from El Dorado to Magnolia to Texarkana

Northeast Arkansas

- Completion of widening US Hwy 412 to four lanes between Paragould and Walnut Ridge
- Completion of widening State Hwy 18 to four lanes between Jonesboro and Blytheville (to I-55)

East Arkansas

- Continuation of widening US Hwy 64 to four lanes between Marion and Wynne

North/North Central Arkansas

- Continuation of widening US Hwy 65 to four lanes between Harrison and Clinton

NOTE:

All work funded by Issue #1 will allow the Highway Commission to direct more existing funds to secondary roads throughout the state for maintenance, construction and improvements. Without the passage of Issue #1, the four-lane projects described above will take longer, cost more, and negatively impact other much-needed statewide maintenance and improvement programs. Plus, Issue #1 will support 40,000 jobs, help local governments improve county roads and fix city streets, all without raising taxes on groceries, medicine or gasoline.

How to Read the Map

BLUE:

Four-lane and six-lane construction and improvements funded by Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1.

RED:

Interstate Rehabilitation Program approved by over 80% of Arkansas voters on November 8, 2011, without raising taxes.

YELLOW:

Remaining work of the existing 2010-2013 highway program.

GREEN:

Additional work of the planned 2013-2016 highway program.

BLACK:

Existing and under construction four-lane highways.

(Large diamonds represent interchanges; circles represent passing lanes; cones represent bridge work; small diamonds or squares represent Interstate rehabilitation; hash marks represent safety improvements and re-paving)







Question:

How can I help pass Issue #1?

Answer:

You can help pass Issue #1 by doing the following:

- Share these Q&As with friends, family and associates. Make sure everyone you know understands the benefits of passing Issue #1 – more jobs, better state highways, county roads and city streets, an improved state economy, safer highways shared with big trucks, all without raising taxes on groceries, medicine or gasoline.
- Go to **MoveArkansasForward.com** to look up your city or town and county and see how much in additional local revenue you will be receiving from Issue #1. This additional local road and street money will be over and above the four-lane projects funded by the bond issue.
- Download from **MoveArkansasForward.com** a sample resolution. Ask your civic club, city and county government, or other local organizations to pass the resolution and let the local newspaper know your group supports Issue #1.
- Contribute to the campaign online at **MoveArkansasForward.com**, or send individual or business contributions to Move Arkansas Forward Committee, c/o Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, 1200 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201, Attn: Randy Zook.
- For questions or for more information, send Move Arkansas Forward an email to **info@MoveArkansasForward.com**.

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