



FACT SHEET Issue #1

- Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 will appear as **Issue #1** on the statewide General Election ballot, Tuesday, November 6.
- Issue #1 will use a **temporary 1/2¢ sales tax** to finance a **\$1.3 billion** bond issue for the continued construction of four-lane highways connecting all parts of the state.
- Issue #1 **WILL NOT raise taxes on groceries, medicine or gasoline.**
- Issue #1 will support **40,000 statewide jobs** and improve Arkansas's economy, while **making roads safer for all**, including school buses, emergency vehicles, and drivers sharing the highways with big trucks.
- State law requires a percentage of all highway revenue to be distributed equally to cities and counties as "turnback revenue" **for local street and road projects**. Issue #1 will benefit every town, city and county in the state, providing more than **\$700 million** in *new* state turnback revenue - \$350 million for counties and \$350 million for cities.
- Issue #1 will also create a permanent **\$20 million a year State Aid Street Fund** for cities and towns to apply for grants for local street and bridge projects.
- The temporary 1/2¢ sales tax is for **10 years only**. When the bonds are repaid in 10 years or less, **the temporary tax is abolished** by the Constitution.
- **Issue #1 is fair**. The temporary sales tax will be shared by consumers and road users statewide, but **without raising taxes on groceries, medicine and gasoline.**
- Issue #1 was placed on the ballot by a **2011 bipartisan vote of the legislature**. Both Republicans *and* Democrats agreed to put Issue #1 on the ballot so Arkansas voters could decide for themselves to invest in better highways leading to a better Arkansas.



Four-Lane Projects Made Possible with Issue #1

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

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