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## Road bonds go to county

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A proposal to issue \$12.2 million in bonds to repair five regional roads in Douglas County will go before county commissioners on Thursday.

Funded through the nickel gas tax approved in February, the work would focus on Jacks Valley Road, Centerville Road, Waterloo Lane, Dresslerville Road and Johnson Lane.

The gas tax was the only portion of a package of tax increases proposed to fund the connectivity plan last year.

Douglas County maintains 171 miles of paved roads, which is the largest infrastructure investment valued in 2011 at \$165 million.

In comparison, the Town of Minden maintains 14.5 miles of road.

Jacks Valley Road is the largest in the proposal for bond funding at \$4.4 million to repave 5.46 miles from Alpine View south to Genoa.

It has been more than a quarter of a century since that road was rebuilt in 1990.

According to the county, it costs \$64,000 a year to maintain Jacks Valley Road now.

Centerville Road between Highway 88 and Foothill Road would be rebuilt between Highway 88 and Foothill Road for \$2.01 million.

Dresslerville Lane along the northern edge of the Gardnerville Ranchos would cost \$1.2 million to rebuild 1.43 miles from Highway 756 to Riverview.

Nearly 4 miles of Johnson Lane from Highway 395 up would be rebuilt for \$2.2 million.

Waterloo Lane, which presently costs \$15,000 to maintain, and is considered one of the worst paved roads in the county, would cost \$2.3 million to reconstruct.

Should commissioners approve using the nickel gas tax to bond for the road improvements, it would commit that money, making it difficult for future boards to repeal the tax.

Douglas County voters are also being asked to approve fuel tax indexing to provide for future road construction.

Under the proposal the fuel tax would implement a not more than 3-cent per year tax for every gallon of gas sold in the county.

According to the ballot, that money would be used solely in Douglas County, though the state would use its portion on state highways within the county.

The 2015 Nevada Legislature required that each county but Washoe place the item on the ballot.

A study released this month by national transportation research group TRIP, said residents in Reno-Tahoe area spend an average of \$1,192 a year due to deficient roads.

County commissioner meet 1 p.m. Thursday at the Douglas County Courthouse in Minden.