

Arkansas's governor and legislative leaders unveiled a 300 million dollar highway funding plan on Monday that uses an existing half-cent sales tax to fund over 200 million dollars of that plan.

Additional legislation would be necessary to fund the remaining 95 million dollars. An increase in the registration fees for electric and hybrid cars make up one part of the funding plan. Owners of electric cars would pay an additional \$200 to register their vehicle, while hybrid car owners would pay \$100.

Tax revenues from casinos, restricted reserve funds and the use of other funding from general revenue would give 35 million dollars to the plan. While it is a historic plan in terms of funding amount, the state says it will not reduce the general revenue funding available for education or other matters.

Democratic Rep. Megan Godfrey, says she likes the plan, but will be looking carefully at where the money from general revenue will be coming from.

Highway Plan CC**:19****“...questions about”**

“There’s a lot about this plan that we like. There are a lot areas of focus that are important to us as well and seeing the focus on infrastructure and investing in it is important to us. I think that piece on making sure that none of our services, particularly education are touched by general revenue is what we have the most questions about.”

If the plan does exactly what it says it will do Godfrey said she gives it a “thumbs up.” You can learn more about the plan at KUAR dot org.