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Billions Need for Nebraska Roads

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The Nebraska Department of Roads has identified \$10.2 billion in projects that it says are needed over the next 20 years.

The annual report was released on Monday at a legislative hearing.

Randy Peters, the department's director, says about half of Nebraska's construction money comes from the federal government. Some revenue also comes from the Build Nebraska Act, a state law that diverts sales tax revenue into roads projects.

The department estimates that \$6.6 billion is needed for pavement restoration and \$3.3 billion is needed for rural bridges and reshaping rural roads over two decades. Another \$285.6 million will be needed for urban road- and bridgework, and \$179.6 is required for railroad crossings.

Funding needs were identified by department staff, the State Highway Commission and the public.

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