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Ohio looking to bonds, private investments to help with road projects

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Governor Strickland is getting opposition from Republican lawmakers over a proposed bond issue that would raise millions to help pay for improving roads and bridges.

House Speaker Jon Husted says he's concerned about the amount of debt the governor's proposal would incur. He says payments on the debt, including principal and interest, could total \$3 billion.

Strickland pitched the big bond issue in January to help pay for upcoming road, rail and port projects and bolster the state's struggling transportation budget.

His \$1.7 billion Building Ohio Jobs package includes \$150 million for state infrastructure, as well as \$400 million for local road, bridge, water and sewer projects.

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