



## Commission Meeting

May 7, 2024

GDOT Amended FY24 Budget Item

Augusta Canal Pedestrian Bridge

File Reference: 24-014(A)

<b>Department:</b>	Engineering & Environmental Services
<b>Presenter:</b>	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to <b>approve</b> and <b>authorize</b> Augusta Engineering to submit, accept and receive Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Financial Assistance through GDOT FY2024 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) Funds for Proposed Augusta Canal Pedestrian Bridge. Also authorize Augusta Mayor to sign associated documents. /AE ( <b>Approved by Engineering Services Committee April 30, 2024</b> )
<b>Background:</b>	Georgia Legislators included \$500,000 in GDOT amended FY2024 budget for partially funding construction of Pedestrian Bridge over Augusta Canal in vicinity of Lake Warren. At present there is no connectivity to Canal Trail from River Watch side of the canal. The concept is to create a walking trail along recently dredged Lake Warren and connect it to Canal Trail (located at opposite bank of the canal) by constructing a pedestrian bridge over the Augusta Canal. Concept development and funding efforts are led by an Augusta State Representative. Completing this trail including bridge preliminary estimated cost is around \$2 million.
<b>Analysis:</b>	Construction of proposed Trail provides the West Service Area of Augusta direct connectivity to the Augusta Canal Trail system. It will have beneficial quality of life and economic growth impact. Acceptance of GDOT allocated funds is the first step toward receiving other potential assistance from GDOT and maybe federal sources. Augusta Engineering supports the proposed trial and recommends acceptance of the allocated \$500,000.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Augusta, GA will receive around \$500,000.00 from GDOT to be used for the proposed Augusta Canal Pedestrian Bridge. A local funding match is NOT required.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	1. No alternate proposed
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve and authorize Augusta Engineering (AEESD) to submit, accept and receive Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Financial Assistance from GDOT through FY2024 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) Funds for Proposed Augusta Canal Pedestrian Bridge. Also authorize Augusta Mayor to sign associated documents.

**Funds are available in** (Match NOT required)  
**the following accounts:**

**REVIEWED AND** HM/SR  
**APPROVED BY:**