Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: November 10, 2026

Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project

Roadway Railroad Crossing Improvements-NFS Construction Agreement

GDOT Project Number: PI#0013703

File Reference: 26 – 014(T)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Approve entering into an agreement with Central of Georgia Railroad Company, stating that Augusta, GA will pay for the Road Improvements (crossing and signal improvements) on the Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project (GDOT PI#0013703) in accordance with the estimate totaling $933,650.00. Also, approve the Construction Agreement to be executed by the Augusta, GA Legal Counsel and the Mayor / AE
Background:	This project is listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Willis Foreman Road is a two-way rural collector with a total of two through lanes. The proposed project provides connectivity between two urban major arterials (US 1 and US 25). The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and public safety and minimize traffic congestion by increasing the capacity and providing improvements along Willis Foreman Road between SR4/US1 and SR121/US25. Project Improvements includes widening to three lanes roadway section and turn lanes as needed, widening the bridge over Spirit Creek (if needed), major intersection improvements and adding curb and gutter, sidewalks and street lights. Project also includes roadway improvements within Central of Georgia Railroad (RAILWAY) right-of-way (railroad crossing and railroad signal).
Analysis:	The Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project will require that Central of Georgia Railroad improve roadway railroad crossing and relocate railroad signal and Augusta would be required to enter into an agreement that Augusta will pay the estimated amount of $933,650.00. This is a cost that is required to be paid by the Augusta, GA to complete needed improvements within railroad right of way.
Financial Impact:	Project is blended funded project by federal and TIA with local funds match by the project SPLOST funds. Funds in amount of $933,650 are available in project construction funds.
Alternatives:	Do not approve and abandon the project.

Recommendation:	Approve entering into an agreement with Central of Georgia Railroad Company, stating that Augusta, GA will pay for the Road Improvements (crossing and signal improvements) on the Willis Foreman Road Improvements Project (GDOT PI#0013703) in accordance with the estimate totaling $933,650.00. Also, approve the Construction Agreement to be executed by the Augusta, GA Legal Counsel and the Mayor.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	**($933,650) –** 340041110-52.12115 Project Construction Funds
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:	HM/**sr**