



## **Engineering Services Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

Willis Foreman Rd Improvements (Deans Bridge Rd. to Peach Orchard Rd.)

GDOT Value Engineering Agreement

GDOT PI # 00137003

File Reference: 24 – 014(A)

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<b>Department:</b>	Engineering & Environmental Services
<b>Presenter:</b>	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve Willis Foreman Rd Improvements Project Value Engineering (VE) study fee paid to GDOT in amount to \$100,000.00. /AE
<b>Background:</b>	Willis Foreman 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 concept 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 streetlights The project is included in Augusta Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as funded by federal funds with 20% local match.
<b>Analysis:</b>	The project latest total cost is around \$56.7million. The project is funded by FHWA federal funds and has GDOT oversight. Per GDOT plan development process, a VE study is mandatory for any project with a total project cost is \$50 million or more. Willis Foreman estimated total cost is exceeding \$50 million threshold limit.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Project Federal funds and Project SPLOST funds (\$80,000 (Federal) & \$20,000 (local match).
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Not proposed.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Motion to approve Willis Foreman Rd Improvements Project Value Engineering (VE) study fee paid to GDOT in amount to \$100,000.00. /AE

**Funds are available in  
the following accounts:**

**(\$100,000) Project Funds (80% federal+20% local SPLOST)**

\$80,000 – TIP fund: 340-041110-52.12115 /TP1809005-52.12115 (80%  
federal)

\$20,000 – SPLOST 8: 330-041110-52.12115 (20% local match)

**REVIEWED AND  
APPROVED BY:**

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