

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is entered into this _____ day of _____ 2021, by and between the **Georgia Department of Transportation** (“GDOT”), and the **Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government** (“CCG”) (collectively “Parties”).

WHEREAS, GDOT is responsible under the law for effectively managing, controlling, and maintaining the roads on the state highway system and other properties that it owns (“public rights-of-way”); and

WHEREAS, unauthorized camping on GDOT public rights-of-way in Columbus, Georgia/Muscogee County has resulted in instances of fires, damaged infrastructure, unsanitary conditions, impeded thoroughfares, and/or other detriments adversely impacting the public health, safety, and welfare of Georgia citizens; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 32-6-6 makes it unlawful to knowingly use GDOT’s public rights-of-way for unauthorized camping; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government has the ability to and is willing to assist GDOT in prohibiting unauthorized camping on GDOT’s public rights-of-way in Columbus/Muscogee County, Georgia.]

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties to this MOA agree to the following provisions:

1. GDOT and the CCG shall work together to ensure that GDOT’s public rights-of-way within the boundaries of Columbus/Muscogee County are free of unauthorized camping in order to safeguard critical infrastructure and promote the existence of safe, sanitary conditions for all persons that use them.
2. The CCG may at its discretion enforce O.C.G.A. § 32-6-6 in any instance in which unauthorized camping on GDOT’s rights-of-way within CCG’s jurisdiction is observed by members of Columbus/Muscogee County law enforcement. The presence of a representative of GDOT is not required for enforcement action to be taken by CCG.
3. GDOT will provide support to CCG in legal proceedings initiated as a result of lawful enforcement actions taken to halt unauthorized camping on GDOT’s public rights-of-way within Columbus, Georgia/Muscogee County.

(SIGNATURES ON SEPARATE PAGE)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this _____ day of _____, 202__.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

**Columbus, Georgia, a
Consolidated City-County Government**

Russell R. McMurry, P.E.
Commissioner

ATTEST:

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Angela O. Whitworth
Treasurer

Isaiah Hugley
City Manager

ATTEST:

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Witness