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March 9, 2023

Matt Santini, Mayor
City of Cartersville
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Cartersville, GA 30120

RE: City of Cartersville Project Funding Request
GDOT Project P.I. No. 0007494, Bartow County
Project Description: CS 1054/Douthit Ferry Rd Fm Old Alabama Rd to SR 61/SR 113

Dear Mayor Santini:

Thank you for the City's funding request to assist with preliminary engineering (PE) activities for Project Identification Number (P.I. No.) 0007494 CS 1054/Douthit Ferry Road from Old Alabama Rd to State Route (SR) 61/SR 113 – Roadway Widening Project. The next critical milestone for the project is right of way (ROW) acquisition. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) estimates that an additional \$750,000 will be needed to complete critical project deliverables such as preliminary design plans, approved right of way plans and an approved National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental document. Completion of these activities would allow for the project to advance to the right of way acquisition phase while maintain federal funding eligibility.

GDOT has thoroughly reviewed the City's additional PE funding request and is willing to commit \$375,000 in additional PE funding which is half of the proposed cost estimate for PE activities needed to advance the project to ROW acquisition. The additional funding would be provided through reimbursement to the City upon submission of processing of project invoices for eligible activities. Please note that the \$375,000 PE funding commitment by GDOT would be capped, therefore the City would be responsible for any additional PE charges above the \$375,000 to complete the project as well as fully funding the project's ROW acquisition and reimbursable utility costs which are currently estimated at \$11.4 million and \$605,000 respectively. It should be noted that GDOT is still committed to funding the project construction costs which are currently estimated at approximately \$33 million.

GDOT truly values the City's continued cooperation and partnership on this project. GDOT will begin with developing a supplemental project framework agreement for the project to reflect the additional reimbursable PE funding once written notification is received of the City's desire to continue with advancing the project towards ROW acquisition as this time. If you have any questions, please contact the GDOT Project Manager, Helen Hawkins, at (678) 898-8852.

Sincerely,

Albert Shelby

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Albert V. Shelby, III
Director of Program Delivery

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Attachment: City's email request for funding assistance

Cc: The Honorable Jeff Lewis, State Transportation Board, Congressional District 11
Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner
Meg Pirkle, P.E., Chief Engineer
Matt Markham, Deputy Director of Planning/State Transportation Planning Administrator
Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator
Grant Waldrop, P.E., District 6 Engineer
Tom Sills, Cartersville-Bartow MPO Transportation Planner
Dan Porta, Cartersville City Manager
Wade Wilson, Cartersville City Engineer
Project Files

From: [Shelby, Albert](#)
To: [Hawkins, Helen](#)
Cc: [Lott, Justin](#)
Subject: FW: Douthit Ferry Road Project
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 12:05:02 PM
Attachments: [Southland Engineering Addl Services for Douthit Ferry Rd. \\$524,435.90.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hey Helen,

Can you call me on this today sometime?

Have a great day!

Albert V. Shelby, III
Director of Program Delivery



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From: James, Crystal <crjames@dot.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 4:50 PM
To: Shelby, Albert <ashelby@dot.ga.gov>
Subject: FW: Douthit Ferry Road Project

Commissioner asked that you review the below request from Board Member Jeff Lewis on behalf of Cartersville. Please let us know what you come up with.

Thank you.

CRYSTAL

From: Jeff lewis <repjefflewis@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:28 AM
To: McMurry, Russell <rmcmurry@dot.ga.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Douthit Ferry Road Project

Russell,
I am behind in forwarding the below email to you.
Please see and let me know how GDOT can help.
Thanks

Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dan Porta <dporta@cityofcartersville.org>
Date: May 20, 2022 at 2:55:39 PM EDT
To: Jeff lewis <repjefflewis@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Douthit Ferry Road Project

Jeff,

As a follow up to our conversation, the City of Cartersville has received the attached request for additional services from Southland Engineering regarding the Douthit Ferry Road Project in the amount of \$524,435.90. In reviewing the change order, 75% of the additional work is due to an updated traffic study to meet the requirements of GDOT and FHWA, and new environmental work. At the present time, the GDOT Project Framework Agreement Grant (\$609,497.21) is almost exhausted and with the additional required traffic study and environmental work, the city will have to find the funds for this work in order for us to get the plans approved and begin right-of-way acquisition.

I am hopeful that you can help us with some additional GDOT funds to help cover the cost of this additional work.

Please feel free to call me with any questions regarding this request. I look forward to your response.

Thanks,
Dan Porta
City Manager
City of Cartersville
770-387-5684



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