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September 16, 2024

Wesley Corbitt
Chairman
Effingham County Board of Commissioners
804 S Laurel Street
Springfield, GA 31329

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT Local Bridge Replacement Candidates
Stillwell Road over Ebenezer Creek – TIER I (0018234)

Dear Mr. Corbitt:

The GDOT Bridge Office has identified this bridge project located in Effingham County as a candidate for replacement in its Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR). This was identified as a deficient, weight-restricted bridge, and did not meet the eligibility requirements for the Low Impact Bridge Program and were programmed for replacement in the LOCBR.

In the LOCBR program, the Department will fund preliminary engineering, utility coordination and reimbursement (if applicable), construction, and a portion of the right-of-way phase. Based on the anticipated complexity of the replacement, candidate bridges in the LOCBR Program are designated as Tier I, II, or III projects. Each local government that selects to participate will need to provide financial support and agree to pay a portion of the cost of right-of-way based on the selected Tier for the projects. This project was designated as a Tier I project and would require a financial commitment of \$50,000 per Project. The Department will acquire the necessary right-of-way and let the project to construction. Right-of-way impacts will be minimized by way of practical bridge design.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit Effingham County's input concerning the replacement of the bridge referenced in the table below. The County's response is requested by December 16, 2024, confirming support and financial participation for the replacement of this bridge. The County's timely response is appreciated as preliminary engineering is underway and coordination to confirm financial support and funding years is requested. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be routed after the Bridge Office receives confirmation and support. A sample MOA is attached for review and details the financial agreement and responsibilities for both parties. When the MOAs are approved and fully executed by both parties, the Department will issue invoices to request payment. Once the funds are received, they will be applied to the ROW phase and any unused balance will be refunded to the County after the projects are completed.

Bridge Structure ID	Project Number	Tier	PE	ROW	UTL/CST
103-0033-0	0018234	I	FY 2023	FY 2026	FY 2027

Please submit responses, questions, comments, or budgeting concerns associated with this project via email to LocalBridges@dot.ga.gov or nwalker@dot.ga.gov, or call Neoma Walker, Bridge Program Manager at 404-985-1545. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donn Digamon

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Donn P. Digamon, P.E.
State Bridge Engineer

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Attachments

cc: Local Grants Administrator
District Engineer