

Staff Report

Subject: MOU with Chatham County–Savannah MPC for SR 26/US 80 Scoping Study Phase II

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Department: Project Management, Procurement, Engineering

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chatham County–Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to jointly administer the SR 26/US 80 Scoping Study Phase II in Effingham County.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the MOU and authorization for Effingham County to pay the required local match, not to exceed \$54,000

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County has partnered with the Chatham County–Savannah MPC to complete Phase II of the SR 26/US 80 Scoping Study (PI No. 0020786). The project was awarded \$216,000 in federal planning (PL) funds through the CORE MPO, with the MPC designated as the administrative agency for the project.

Per the MOU:

- Effingham County will contribute a 20% local match toward the project cost, not to exceed \$54,000.
- The MPC will issue and manage a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified engineering consultant to complete the study.
- Both Effingham County and MPC will jointly select the consultant and define the final scope of work.
- The study will follow all applicable state and federal regulations for use of planning funds.

This study will further regional planning efforts and support future transportation improvements along this important corridor.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the MOU and authorize the local match contribution not to exceed \$54,000.
2. Do not Approve.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Project Management, Engineering, Procurement

Funding Source: Capital Budget FY25

Attachments: MOU with Chatham County–Savannah MPC (PI No. 0020786)