

Subject: GDOT Right of Way Maintenance Agreement SR 30 Midland Road Roundabout

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Item Description: Authorization to Execute GDOT Right of Way Maintenance Agreement SR 30 at Midland Road Roundabout – Effingham County
GDOT Project ID No. 0020781

Summary Recommendation: Approval of Agreement

Executive Summary/Background:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) constructed a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 30 and Midland Road in Effingham County as part of Project ID No. 0020781. As a condition of project completion, GDOT requires that Effingham County enter into a Right of Way Maintenance Agreement to assume responsibility for maintaining the roundabout landscaping improvements located within the GDOT right of way.

The agreement authorizes Effingham County, as the Local Government, to perform or cause to be performed all landscaping maintenance activities within the designated Maintenance Work Area on SR 30, in accordance with GDOT's requirements. The Agreement is for a term of fifty (50) years from the Effective Date, unless terminated sooner, and requires the County to perform maintenance at no cost to the Department.

The scope of maintenance work (Exhibit A – Detailed Maintenance Work Plan) covers the roundabout central island and perimeter landscaping per GDOT Detail RA-1 – Roundabout Low Maintenance Landscaping, and includes:

- Maintenance of native evergreen trees, native ornamental grasses, and native wildflower seed mixes in accordance with GDOT Standard Detail RA-1
- Mulching, watering, pruning, and plant replacement as needed to sustain healthy plant material
- Mowing and trimming of turf areas to maintain sight lines and a neat appearance
- Weed control and integrated pest management (IPM) using herbicides/pesticides with appropriate Commercial Category 27 (right-of-way) licensure
- Litter and debris removal within the maintenance work area
- Compliance with the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for any temporary traffic control during maintenance activities

The County assumes all liability associated with the maintenance work and must carry or self-insure with minimum coverage including Commercial General Liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$3,000,000 aggregate, with GDOT named as additional insured.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approval (Recommended)
2. No Action

Recommended Alternative: 1 Approval of Agreement

Other Alternatives: 2 No Action

Department Review: *Engineering, County Attorney*

Funding Source: NA

Attachments:

- GDOT Right of Way Maintenance Agreement – Project ID No. 0020781 (SR 30 Midland Road Roundabout)
- Exhibit A – Detailed Maintenance Work Plan
- GDOT Construction Detail RA-1 – Roundabout Low Maintenance Landscaping Details