

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Intergovernmental Lighting Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for SR 30 @ Kolic Helmey Road Roundabout Lighting

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve an Intergovernmental Lighting Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation, operation, and maintenance of roundabout lighting at the SR 30 and Kolic Helmey Road.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Intergovernmental Lighting Agreement with GDOT for the installation of roundabout lighting at SR 30 and Kolic Helmey Road and for the County's assumption of future operation, maintenance, repair, and energy costs associated with the lighting system.

Executive Summary / Background:

This Agreement was previously approved by Effingham County Board of Commissioners on January 21, 2025, and has since been amended to reflect Effingham County's responsibility to maintain full operation, maintenance repair and energy costs.

Georgia Department of Transportation has agreed to install roundabout lighting as part of the SR 30 @ Kolic Helmey Road project (PI No. 0020095). The agreement provides that GDOT will fund the materials and installation of the lighting system. The project is intended to improve night-time visibility and traffic safety within the roundabout corridor.

Upon completion and acceptance of the installation, Effingham County will assume full responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, and energy costs associated with the lighting system, including replacement of lamps, luminaires, lighting structures, conduit, wiring, and related equipment. GDOT will retain ownership of the lighting system and its components.

The agreement will remain in effect for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of execution. GDOT reserves the right to terminate the agreement for just cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the County.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Lighting Services Agreement
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Georgia Department of Transportation Lighting Agreement previously approved January 21, 2025, and the amended Georgia Department of Transportation Lighting Agreement.