

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of GDOT Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification Documents

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification documents required for Effingham County's application to become a GDOT-certified Local Administered Project (LAP) agency.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the GDOT LAP Certification Application, Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with Assurances, and Procurement Policy Statement required for Effingham County's LAP certification application.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County is seeking certification through the Georgia Department of Transportation's Local Administered Project (LAP) Program. As part of the certification process, GDOT requires the governing authority to execute several certification documents acknowledging the County's commitment to administer federally funded transportation projects in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements.

The documents presented for approval include:

- **GDOT LAP Certification Application**, acknowledging the County's agreement to comply with all requirements governing Federal Highway Administration projects administered under GDOT's Qualification Certification Agreement.
- **Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with Assurances**, affirming the County's commitment to administer transportation programs without discrimination and to comply with all Title VI requirements.
- **Procurement Policy Statement**, acknowledging the County's adoption of GDOT's Procurement Policy for Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services and agreement to follow applicable federal and state procurement requirements for transportation projects using federal funds.

Approval of these documents will authorize the Chairman to execute the required certifications and allow Effingham County to continue the GDOT LAP certification process.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve execution of the GDOT LAP Certification documents.
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: N/A

Attachments: GDOT Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification Application, GDOT Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with Assurances, and GDOT Procurement Policy Statement