

STATE OF GEORGIA )

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COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("IGA") is executed as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between Chatham County, Georgia ("CHATHAM"), and Effingham County, Georgia ("EFFINGHAM"), both political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

Whereas CHATHAM COUNTY (hereafter referred to as CHATHAM) proposes to undertake a project to upgrade and improve Old River Road from State Route 204 to Interstate 16 (hereafter referred to as PROJECT) in Chatham County, Georgia and Effingham County, Georgia, and;

WHEREAS, the PROJECT spans approximately three (3) miles, with each COUNTY being responsible for approximately 1.5 miles within its respective jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, CHATHAM and EFFINGHAM consider it advantageous to enter into an IGA to facilitate the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and to define all obligations associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, both parties have determined that entering into this IGA is in the best interest of their citizens and supports regional transportation improvements.

Now therefore, the following is hereby mutually agreed to and understood by both parties:

#### 1. COST AND DESIGN OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

A. The estimated cost for PE for the PROJECT is Two Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,050,000). The required local match for this phase is Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000).

B. CHATHAM and EFFINGHAM shall each be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the required local match. Based on the current estimate, each COUNTY shall contribute Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000) toward the PE match.

C. This cost-share obligation shall be defined as a fifty percent (50%) allocation for each COUNTY rather than a fixed dollar amount. If PE costs exceed the anticipated estimate stated above, CHATHAM and EFFINGHAM shall share all additional costs equally on a 50/50 basis.

D. EFFINGHAM shall provide its full fifty percent (50%) cost-share contribution at the beginning of the PROJECT prior to CHATHAM issuing a Notice to Proceed for PE.

E. CHATHAM shall sponsor the project and hold the contract with the engineering consultant for the PE phase and shall undertake all contract administration, engineering oversight, and project management responsibilities related to the PE work.

F. EFFINGHAM shall participate in the Quality-Based Selection (QBS) process for choosing the engineering consultant, including cost negotiations.

G. PE plans, deliverables, and cost estimates shall be reviewed and approved by CHATHAM, with EFFINGHAM participating in the review process as described herein.

## 2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. EFFINGHAM COUNTY:

- EFFINGHAM shall participate in project management activities and coordination efforts, including monthly progress meetings.
- EFFINGHAM shall attend and participate in the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) meeting and the Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) meeting.
- EFFINGHAM shall provide timely review comments and responses to support the development of PE plans and associated deliverables.

### B. CHATHAM COUNTY:

- CHATHAM shall be responsible for administering the PE contract, overseeing engineering services, and ensuring timely progress of deliverables.
- CHATHAM shall ensure that PE efforts are performed in accordance with applicable design standards and state requirements.

## 3. FUTURE PHASES

This IGA pertains solely to the Preliminary Engineering (“PE”) phase of the PROJECT. Separate intergovernmental agreements shall be developed for Right-of-Way acquisition, Utility Relocation, and Construction phases as the PROJECT advances.

### COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY

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| WITNESS |     | CHAIRMAN |

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| NOTARY PUBLIC           |         | CLERK |
| Chatham County, Georgia |         |       |

### COMMISSIONERS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY

EXECUTED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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WITNESS

BY:

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CHAIRMAN

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
Effingham County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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