

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Approval of Slope Maintenance Easement Agreement for Gateway Parkway Area 4

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**Department:** Procurement, Engineering

**Meeting Date:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve a Slope Maintenance Easement Agreement with OCTANS GA, LLC for property adjacent to the Gateway Parkway Area 4 right-of-way.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the Slope Maintenance Easement Agreement with OCTANS GA, LLC to provide the County with permanent access for slope maintenance and drainage associated with the Gateway Parkway project.

### Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County intends to construct Gateway Parkway to connect Effingham Parkway and Hodgeville Road. OCTANS GA, LLC owns property adjacent to the Gateway Parkway Area 4 right-of-way and has agreed to grant the County a permanent, non-exclusive slope and maintenance easement across an approximately 85-foot-wide area adjacent to the roadway right-of-way.

The easement provides the County the right to grade, mow, repair, restore, and otherwise maintain the existing slope and drainage facilities. It also allows drainage and runoff from the Gateway Parkway right-of-way to discharge into the easement area. OCTANS GA, LLC retains the right to use the easement area for purposes that do not conflict with the County's use of the easement.

The agreement allows OCTANS GA, LLC to relocate the easement area in the future, provided the relocated area remains adjacent to the Gateway Parkway right-of-way and provides adequate area for roadway drainage and runoff. OCTANS GA, LLC would be responsible for the costs associated with any required survey, plat, or physical relocation of the slope improvements.

The easement will **run with the land** and remain binding upon the parties' successors in title.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Slope Maintenance Easement Agreement with OCTANS GA, LLC.
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:** Slope Maintenance Easement Agreement – Gateway Parkway Area 4