

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of GDOT Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification Procurement Policy Statement

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Administered Project (LAP) Procurement Statement 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 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 Procurement Policy Statement, acknowledges the County's adoption of GDOT's Procurement Policy for Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services and agrees to follow applicable federal and state procurement requirements for transportation projects using federal funds.

Approval of this document will authorize the Chairman to execute the required certification and allow Effingham County to continue the GDOT LAP certification process.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve execution of the GDOT LAP Certification Procurement Policy Statement document.
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