



RESOLUTION R-047-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) created the Local Bridge Replacement (LOCBR) Program in 2017 to target the replacement of locally-owned posted bridges using federal funds; and

WHEREAS, GDOT provides preliminary engineering costs, any utility relocations, all construction costs and 50-percent of the preliminary right of-way (ROW) estimate that includes all acquisition fees and other related costs; and

WHEREAS, GDOT has identified two candidate bridges in Walker County for the LOCBR program, which include:

- Old Bethel Road at West Chickamauga Creek (construction in FY2029)
- Glass Mill Road at West Chickamauga Creek (construction in FY2029); and

WHEREAS, in order to participate, Walker County must provide financial support and agree to pay a portion of the cost of right-of-way for these projects, ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per bridge; and

WHEREAS, GDOT requires support from the local governing authority and confirmation of financial support for the replacement of bridges in the LOCBR program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia confirms support and financial participation for the replacement of these bridges.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



JESSICA STATON, Deputy Clerk



SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for approval from Commissioner Stutz, second by Commissioner Askev, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to pass the Resolution.



Georgia Department of Transportation

Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner
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December 9, 2024

Shannon Whitfield
Chairman
Walker County Board of Commissioners
101 S Duke Street
LaFayette, GA 30278

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT Local Bridge Replacement Candidates
Old Bethel Road at West Chickamauga Creek, 3 MI SW of Chickamauga – TIER I
(0019932)
Glass Mill Road at West Chickamauga Creek, 1.6 MI SE of Chickamauga – TIER II
(0020149)

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

The GDOT Bridge Office has identified these two bridge projects located in Walker County as candidates for replacement in its Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR). These bridges were identified as deficient, weight-restricted bridges, and did not meet the eligibility requirements for the Low Impact Bridge Program and were programmed for replacement in the LOCBR.

In the LOCBR program, the Department will fund preliminary engineering, utility coordination and reimbursement (if applicable), construction, and a portion of the right-of-way phase. Based on the anticipated complexity of the replacement, candidate bridges in the LOCBR Program are designated as Tier I, II, or III projects. Each local government that selects to participate will need to provide financial support and agree to pay a portion of the cost of right-of-way based on the selected Tier for the projects. The first of these projects is designated as a **Tier I** project and would require a financial commitment of **\$50,000** per Project. The second of these projects is designated as a **Tier II** project and would require a financial commitment of **\$75,000** per Project. The Department will acquire the necessary right-of-way and let the project to construction. Right-of-way impacts will be minimized by way of practical bridge design.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit Walker County's input concerning the replacement of these bridges referenced in the table below. The County's response is requested by January 9, 2025, confirming support and financial participation for the replacement of these bridges. The County's timely response is appreciated as preliminary engineering is underway and coordination to confirm financial support and funding years is requested. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be routed after the Bridge Office receives confirmation and support. A sample MOA is attached for review and details the financial agreement and responsibilities for both parties. When the MOAs are approved

and fully executed by both parties, the Department will issue invoices to request payment. Once the funds are received, they will be applied to the ROW phase and any

Bridge Structure ID	Project Number	Tier	PE	ROW	UTL/CST
295-5044-0	0019932	I	FY 2024	FY 2027	FY 2029
295-5041-0	0020149	II	FY 2025	FY 2027	FY 2029

unused balance will be refunded to the County after the projects are completed.

Please submit responses, questions, comments, or budgeting concerns associated with this project via email to LocalBridges@dot.ga.gov or nwalker@dot.ga.gov, or call Neoma Walker, Bridge Program Manager at 404-985-1545. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donn Digamon
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 Georgia Department of Transportation

Donn P. Digamon, P.E.
State Bridge Engineer

DPD:CEF

Attachments

cc: William Wright - Local Grants Administrator
Grant Waldrop - District Engineer