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327 N. Ashley St.
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RE: Request for Comments on GDOT Local Bridge Replacement Candidates
Jumping Gully Rd at Bevel Creek, 6 MI SW of Lake Park – TIER I (0019937)
Lamar Street at Sugar Creek, Valdosta – NW Section – TIER III (0020144)

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

The GDOT Bridge Office has identified these two bridge projects located in Lowndes 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 Tier III projects and would require a financial commitment of \$100,000 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 Lowndes 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