



AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
 535 TELFAIR STREET, FIRST FLOOR, LINDA BEAZLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.
 MEETING MINUTES**

<p><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> Robert Sherman, ARTS MPO Project Director Joel Duke, Director Aiken Co. Ted Hicks, GDOT Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, N. Augusta Libby Hodges, City of North Augusta Planning Director Steve Cassell, P.E. Engineering Director Columbia County Hart Clark, Edgefield County Building and Planning Director represented by Kevin Singletary Sharon Dottery, Interim Director Augusta Public Transit Ryan Bland, City of Aiken Planning Director</p>	<p><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Teresa Crain, Aiken County Engineer Ron Price, Fort Gordon Curtis Murphy, City of New Ellenton Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG Andrew Strickland, Director, Columbia Co. Planning Corbett Reynolds, P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright Herbert Judon Jr., Director Augusta Regional Airport represented by Adrienne Ayers-Allen Kenny Larimore, SCDOT Planning Engineer</p>
<p><i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> LJ Peterson, Aiken Co. Carole Burrowbridge, ADA Augusta Marques Jacobs, City of Augusta Engineering Dept</p>	<p><i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Yolanda Morris, FHWA (SC) Tamara Christian, FHWA (GA) Eric Duff Andy Crosson, CSRA RDC</p>
<p><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> Hafeez Chaudhry, Columbia Co. (Go-To-Meeting) Geneva Jackson, Aiken Co.</p>	<p><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Martin Cochran, Aiken Co. Joe Collins, Columbia Co. Shirley Abney Frank Plumley, Columbia Co. Bill Busser, Aiken Co.</p>

OTHERS ATTENDING:	
Augusta Planning and Development Dept. Carla Delaney Mary Elizabeth Burgess Dr. Oliver Page Mariah Harris Warren Richard Udomekong Udoko	Go-To-Meeting Tom Zeaser, City of North Augusta Dana Luttrull, LSCOG Regina Pyles, Regional Commission
Others Attending, Leah Cassell Todd Price, GDOT Frank Childs, GDOT Mark Shavers Dayton Sherrouse	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting)**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2019. (CAC and TCC Vote)**

Mary Elizabeth Burgess presented this item.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Hafeez Chaudhry seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC - Steve Cassell motioned to approve and Hart Clarke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 3. Present update on the Metropolitan Transportation Study**

Dr. Oliver Page presented this item.

The 2045 MTP will now be known as the 2050 MTP. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in February 2019 and closed on March 15, 2019. Three consultants responded to the RFP. One consultant was disqualified due to an incorrect application package. The RFP evaluation committee sat on April 26, 2019. Contract negotiations have started, it is anticipated the Notice to Proceed will be issued soon.

This item is for information purposes only.

- 4. Georgia Trail Summit May 2020**

Dayton Sherrouse presented this item.

The Georgia Trial Summit (GTS) is operated under the Trust for Public Land Office out of Atlanta, GA. For the last two years the GTS has been held in Columbus, GA. Augusta has committed to hosting the event and will host for two years 2020 and 2021. Typical GTS attendance is 300 or more. A contract between GTS and The Marriott Hotel (Augusta) has been signed. The next step is to set up a hosting committee. The City of Augusta has no financial responsibility for GTS but is looking for sponsors and mobile workshop ideas.

This item is for information purposes only.

5. Special Transportation Studies for Fall 2019

This item was addressed with agenda item 10

6. TIP Modifications/Amendments

PI0012866 – Wheeler Road Intersection Improvements
PI0012867 – Wheeler Road Multimodal Corridor Improvements
PI0012868 – Barton Chapel Road

Mary Elizabeth Burgess presented this item. Please see the attached funding summaries.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Hafeez Chaudhry seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. TAP Modifications – PI0013705 River Levee Trail

Mary Elizabeth Burgess presented this item. Please see the attached funding summaries.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Hafeez Chaudhry seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Joel Duke seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Consider adopting the Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TAP) FY 2019-2020 Application Process.

Mary Elizabeth Burgess presented this item.

The Transportation Alternatives Set-aside program application process is similar to the application process of South Carolina. This application will only be for Georgia Projects only.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Hafeez Chaudhry seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Robert Sherman motioned to approve and Steve Exley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Request Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Carole Burrowbridge presented this item.

The Compliance Department is currently in the middle of renovating sidewalks and bus stops. The most recent Bike and Pedestrian Study was done in 2012 and hasn't been updated since. With the current renovation underway, it would be very useful to have the Bike and Pedestrian plan updated.

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10. Request from the City of North Augusta to Amend the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The City of North Augusta would like to retain a consultant to prepare a study of an approximately 1.6 mile corridor of Martintown Road at I-20 and requests that the FY 2020 UPWP be amended to include funding for the study.

Libby Hodges presented this item.

The City of North Augusta has recently been notified of plans to signalize the Bergen Road @ W. Martintown Rd intersection. Previous projects to improve the I-20 intersection are included on previous ARTS project lists. Additionally, the City is concerned about the alignment of Knobcone Ave., school traffic, and upcoming development along the corridor.

This corridor has seen exponential growth in the numbers of residents accessing Bergen Road and Austin Graybill Road over the last decade. There are several large tracts remaining along the corridor. With proposed developments on both sides of the I-20 interstate, North Augusta would like to study traffic patterns in light of development pressure that will occur in the near future.

The applicant for the River Falls Apartments (220 units) has provided a Traffic Impact Analysis and signalization analysis that indicates signalization of the Frontage Road is warranted. The 178 acre property across from the River Falls Apartments on Martintown Road will potentially have 284 single-family units, 384 apartment units, and 285,900 square feet of commercial space. This will impact access and improvements in the area and may require additional signalization. The City of North Augusta believes it is in its best interest to anticipate these developments and work to create a corridor that can facilitate this amount of growth.

CAC – Geneva Jackson motioned to approve and Hafeez Chaudhry seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TCC – Joel Duke motioned to approve and Robert Sherman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

a. Georgia Highways – Todd Price presented this item

Columbia County

M005753 – SR 383 from North of I-20 to SR 104

- Let April 19, 2019
- Beams Construction awarded contract on May 3, 2019
- Completion date is March 31, 2020

0008350 – SR 388 from I-20 to SR 232 - TIA

- Widening (1.59 miles)
- Scheduled for November 2019 let
- ROW acquisition is underway and on schedule with 53 of the 86 parcels acquired

Richmond County

210327 – I-20 at Savannah River and Augusta Canal

- Bridge replacement to include widening (0.65 miles)
- Contractor completed geotechnical investigations. Survey efforts and pavement evaluations along the interstate initiated. Final design ongoing.

220680 – SR 4 from Milledgeville Road to Government Street - TIA

- Widening (1.59 miles)
- Scheduled for June 2019 let
- ROW acquisition still underway with 81 of the 83 parcels acquired

0013927 - SR 4/US 25 BU at Savannah River at South Carolina Line

- Bridge Replacement (0.20 miles)
- Scheduled for let June 2021
- Coordination ongoing between GDOT, City of Augusta and MPO

- b. South Carolina Highways – No Update**
- c. Augusta Public Transit – No Update**
- d. Best Friend Express – Dana Luttrull presented this item.**

The Best Friend Express fixed route had 7,476 passenger boardings for the 1st Quarter of January, February, and March 2019. It appears the transit system is experiencing a 9-10% increase in passenger boarding from this time last year. The Blue Route in North Augusta remains the busiest route.

A new 14 passenger Cut-Away vehicle has been recently purchased and wrapped and is just about ready to be placed into transit service to replace an older vehicle in the Best Friend Express fleet.

The urban 5310 transit program resumed on March 1st and is going well. This program offers free transportation reservations to seniors or persons with a disability within a specified service area. This program will operate for an approximate six month period and is very popular with passengers who do not have free Medicaid transportation or have a way to get to grocery and retail destinations. The plan is to re-apply for this funding in the Fall in the hopes of continuing the program.

LSCOG is currently drafting their new Section 5307 grant with FTA Region IV. Section 5307 is the federal program that funds the public transportation system in the urbanized portion of Aiken County. The plan is to have the final transmittal of the federal application completed by the end of this month (May 2019).

- e. Augusta Regional Airport – No Update**

12. Other Business

Mary Elizabeth Burgess is transitioning back to Current Planning. Deputy Director Carla Delaney will lead the MPO until a new manager is hired.

13. Adjourn

ATTACHMENT 6B

AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
 GEORGIA FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT NAME:	WHEELER ROAD MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS			P.I. NOS: 0012867	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	From CR 601/Wheeler Rd From I-20 to CR 804 Augusta West Pkwy. Multimodal improvements including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, traffic signal modernization and ATMS, intersection improvements, and turn lanes on Wheeler Road from I-20 Eastbound ramp to Walton Way Extension.			CST. YEAR: FY 2018	
				TIP #: STP-6	FY 2015
				COUNTY: RICHMOND	
LENGTH (MI):	1.11	# OF LANES-EXISTING:	4	PLANNED: 4	
TRAFFIC VOLUMES (ADT):		(2010)	27,806	(2040 Constrained) 34,375	
LOCAL RD. #		ST./U.S.#		PROJECT # CSSTP-0008=00(352)	

NEEDS AND CONSIDERATIONS

PURPOSE AND NEED: Safety, Congestion & Connectivity

COMMENTS / REMARKS: Amended 3/3/2016 to add language to current scope/description to reflect the needs and recommendations for bicycle/pedestrian improvements and to extend termini from Augusta West Pkwy to Walton Way Ext.

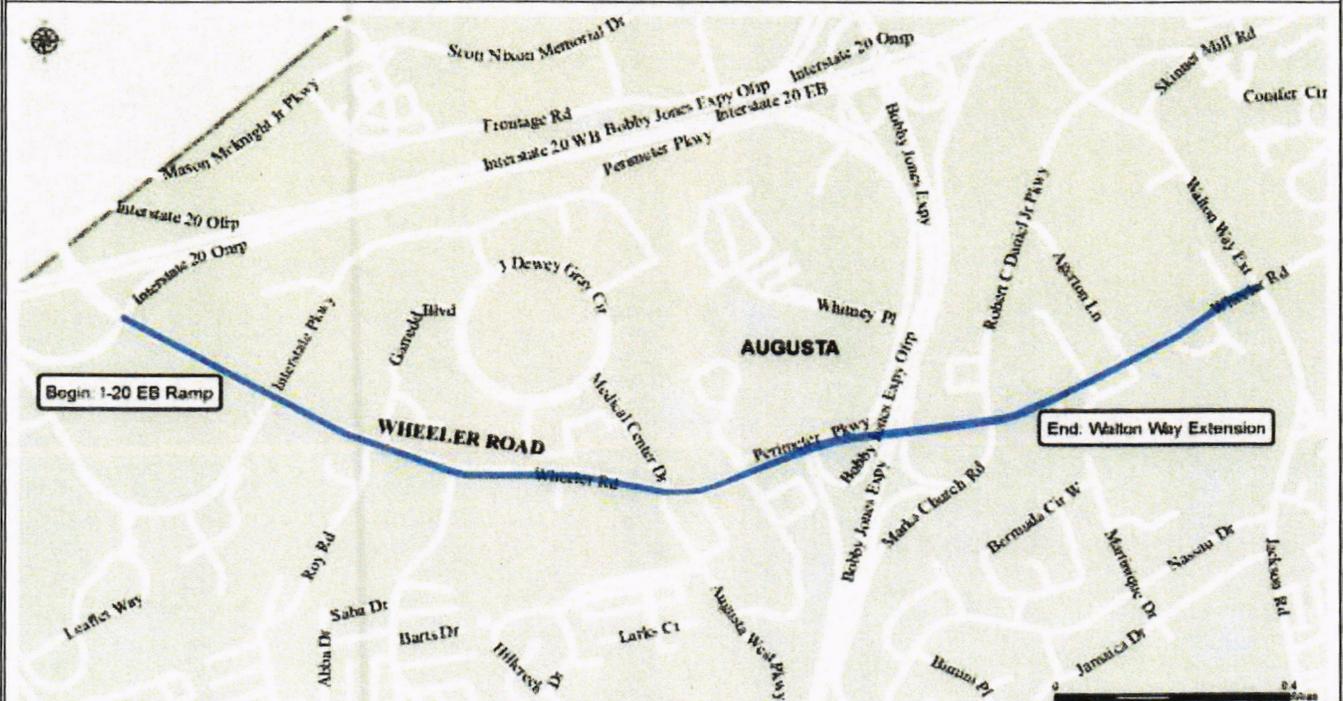
FUNDING

PROJECT PHASE	SOURCE	AUTHORIZED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	MTP TIER 2	MTP TIER 3	TOTAL
SCOPING										
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	Federal/State	\$750,000								\$750,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY										\$0
UTILITIES										\$0
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State/Local					\$2,500,000				\$2,500,000
TOTAL COST		\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,250,000
FEDERAL COST	22305	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,600,000
STATE COST		\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$387,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$387,500
OTHER		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

DOT DISTRICT : 2 **CONGRESSIONAL DIST:** 12th **RC:** CSRA

FUNDING FOR PI#1 22305 **FUNDING FOR PI#2** **FUNDING FOR PI#3**

PROJECT LOCATION



Amendment 3/3/3016

ATTACHMENT 6C

AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
 GEORGIA FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT NAME:	BARTON CHAPEL ROAD		P.I. NOS:	0012868	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Add turn lanes on Barton Chapel Road at Gordon Highway (SR1 10/US 78). From CR 1502/Barton Chapel Rd @ SR 10/US 78.		CST. YEAR:	FY 2018	
			TIP #:	STP-5 FY 2015	
			COUNTY:	RICHMOND	
LENGTH (MI):	0.4	# OF LANES-EXISTING:	2	PLANNED:	2
TRAFFIC VOLUMES (ADT):	(2010)	18,892	(2040 Constrained)		23,895
LOCAL RD. #		ST./U.S.#		PROJECT #	

NEEDS AND CONSIDERATIONS

PURPOSE AND NEED: Safety, Congestion & Connectivity

COMMENTS / REMARKS:

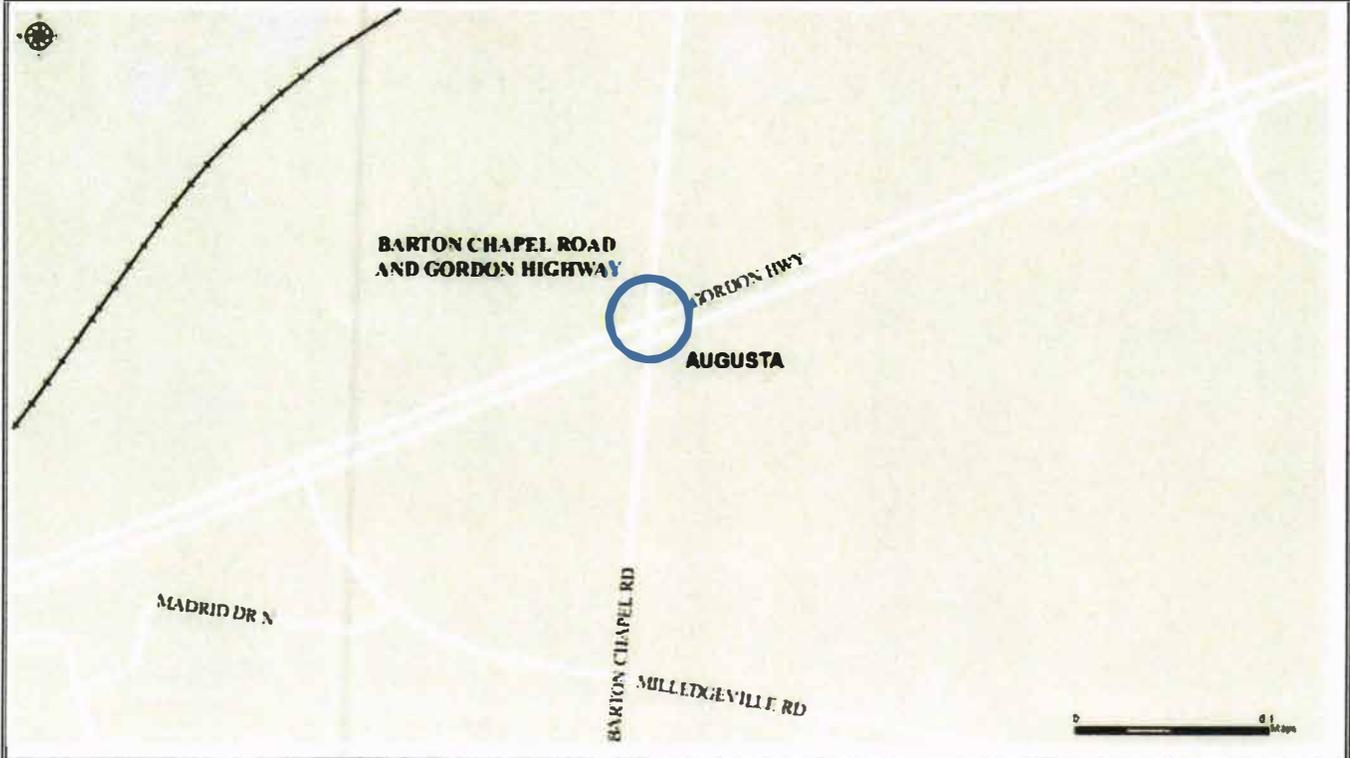
FUNDING

PROJECT PHASE	SOURCE	AUTHORIZED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	MTP TIER 2	MTP TIER 3	TOTAL
SCOPING										
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	Federal/State	\$275,000								\$275,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Federal/State									\$0
UTILITIES	Federal/State									\$0
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State					\$1,781,156.69				\$1,781,156.69
TOTAL COST		\$275,000	\$0	\$0		\$1,781,156.69	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,056,156.69
FEDERAL COST	2230	\$220,000	\$0	\$0		\$1,233,701.60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,453,701.60
STATE COST		\$55,000	\$0	\$0		\$308,425.40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$363,425.40
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$239,029.69	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$239,029.69
OTHER		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

DOT DISTRICT : 2 **CONGRESSIONAL DIST:** 12th **RC:** CSRA

FUNDING FOR PI#1 2230 **FUNDING FOR PI#2** **FUNDING FOR PI#3**

PROJECT LOCATION



ATTACHMENT 7
AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
GEORGIA FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT NAME:	TAP - RIVER LEVEE TRAIL EXTENSION 3D		P.I. NOS: 0013705						
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	EXTEND 10 FT WIDE ASPHALT TRAIL TO TIE INTO EXISTING TRAIL AT THE TOP OF THE AUGUSTA LEVEE NEAR (OR ADJACENT TO) WESTWARD BOUND GREENE STREET EXTENSION FLY-OVER MERGES ONTO RIVERWATCH PARKWAY; AND TRAVEL APPROX. 1200 FT TO HAWK'S GULLY TAILRACE AN EXISTING CONCRETE CROSSING CROSSING 150 FT IN LENGTH OVER HAWK'S GULLY AND A 170 FT WOODEN BOARDWALK WILL TRAVERSE DOWN THE SIDE OF THE LEVEE. TRAIL WILL CONTINUE CONTINUE 190 FT TO 15TH STREET AT WATER'S EDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCE.		CST. YEAR: FY 2019						
			TIP #: TAP-1A FY 2016						
			COUNTY: RICHMOND						
LENGTH (MI):	# OF LANES-EXISTING:	PLANNED:							
TRAFFIC VOLUMES (ADT):	(2010)	(2040 Constrained)							
LOCAL RD. #	ST./U.S.#	PROJECT #							
NEEDS AND CONSIDERATIONS									
PURPOSE AND NEED:	RECREATION / SAFETY								
COMMENTS / REMARKS:	CONTINUED DESCRIPTION: AFTER CROSSING WATER'S EDGE DRIVEWAY, AN ASPHALT SURFACE WILL BE APPLIED TO EXISTING NATURAL TRAIL FOR 2100 FT UNTIL IT REACHES THE TERMINUS AT 13th STREET TYING INTO THE EXISTING RIVERWALK AUGUSTA.								
	WAY-FINDING SIGNAGE WILL ROUTE TRAIL USERS								
	TAP 1A - RIVER LEVEE TRAIL EXTENSION PHASE 3D - FEDERAL - \$959,153,000 / AUGUSTA CANAL AUTHORITY (LOCAL) - \$366,731 - TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,325,885/INCLUDING DOT OVERSIGHT-\$50,000.								
FUNDING									
PROJECT PHASE	SOURCE	AUTHORIZED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2019	MTP TIER 2	MTP TIER 3	TOTAL
SCOPING									\$0
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	Fed/Local	\$139,443							\$149,443
RIGHT-OF-WAY									\$0
UTILITIES									\$0
CONSTRUCTION	Fed/Local					\$1,136,442.00			\$1,136,442
PROJECT COST		\$189,443	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,325,885.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,325,885
FEDERAL COST	Z301/Oversight	\$50,000	\$0	0	\$0	\$909,153	\$0	\$0	\$959,153
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST	Augusta Canal	\$139,443	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$227,288	\$0	\$0	\$366,731
OTHER		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DOT DISTRICT :	2	CONGRESSIONAL DIST: 12th		RC: CSRA					
FUNDING FOR PI#1	TAP -Z301	FUNDING FOR PI#2 Local		FUNDING FOR PI#3					
PROJECT LOCATION									

