



# Interoffice Memo

**DATE:** January 17, 2019  
**FROM:** Bill DuVall, State Bridge Engineer  
**TO:** File  
**RE:** Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR) – Guidance for Estimating Right-of-Way Contributions by Local Governments

The Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR) relies on a commitment of the local government contributing to the project in the right-of-way phase. The Department funds preliminary engineering, utility coordination, construction, and a portion of the right-of-way phase in this Program. After the local government’s initial letter of support is received, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is drafted to include the local government’s portion of the right-of-way phase. Guidance for estimating the amounts will be based on a project’s anticipated complexity as defined in the following table:

Level of complexity	Local Government Contributing Amount to ROW Phase <sup>1</sup>	Notes
Tier 1	\$50,000	Utilizes offsite detour with candidate bridge restored in-place.
Tier 2	\$75,000	Likely on-site detour or potentially stage construction with greater footprint than Tier 1.
Tier 3	TBD (\$100,000 or as determined by ROW recommendation)	Defined as more complex bridge replacement, (potentially off-set alignment) with larger impacts than Tier 2.

<sup>1</sup>Right-of-way impacts will be minimized by way of practical bridge design and any additional right-of-way costs or needs determined after the execution of the MOA will be the Department’s responsibility. Any unused portion of the requested amount will be refunded to the local government.

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Tiers are determined by committee of the State Bridge Engineer, Bridge Program Specialist and Bridge Program Manager with recommendation from the Bridge Program Management Team. Based on the tier assigned to the candidate bridge, the local government will be required to submit the requested amount as provided in the MOA. Both the letter of support and contributed amount must be received prior to the initiation of the project development. The Department will acquire the necessary right-of-way and let the project to construction.

Guidance for estimating the right-of-way costs will be re-evaluated periodically for subsequent batches of LOCBR projects. The values in the table may be modified based on observed trends with current and previous LOCBR projects.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this project, please contact Carol Kalafut of the Office of Bridge Design at [ckalafut@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ckalafut@dot.ga.gov) or (404) 631-1882.

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