Georgia has approximately 1400 locally owned bridges that are posted for load restrictions or closed to traffic.

GDOT is committed to helping Local Governments reduce the number of posted and closed bridges throughout the state by means of different Local Bridge Replacement Programs.

The Low Impact Bridge Program (LIBP) was introduced in 2014 and has replaced and reopened 25 bridges with 7 under construction and 35 more programmed for replacement within the next two to three years.

The Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR) was initiated in 2017 with 52 bridges solicited for replacement throughout the state and 32 bridges entering into Preliminary Engineering activities to date.

Both Programs are federally funded but have different eligibility and local participation requirements.

LIBP projects must meet low impact criteria such as no geometry or grade changes, low environmental impacts and off-site detours are accepted by local entities. LIBPs are completed with expedited delivery by means of prefabricated bridge components. Local participation requires agreeing to an off-site detour up to 12 months in duration (typical closure being about 6 months and maintaining local roads as needed during construction.

LOCBR projects follow a traditional federal replacement schedule with local fiscal participation agreed to and disbursed up front before the project begins.

LOCBR projects do not require off-site detours or low impact criteria allowing for the more design intensive local bridges to be replaced.

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