

LOCAL BRIDGE FACT SHEET

- 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.
- For additional information please contact Carol Kalafut at ckalafut@dot.ga.gov or 404-631-1882.

*Laurens County – Chappell Mill Road over Turkey Creek before and after:
(The photos are of a LIBP replacement,
but are representative of either program's end result.)*

