

## Purpose

According to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Locally Administered Projects (LAP) by cities and counties in 45 States across the nation are estimated to involve \$6-8 billion in Federal-aid contracts. Annually, nearly 20% of the national Federal-aid program is now administered by local public agencies and in Georgia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 20.86% is currently shown as locally administered projects.

The purpose of the Local Administered Project Manual is to establish uniform practices for authorizing qualified Local Public Agencies (LPA) to manage certain core activities for Federal-aid funded projects. Under Title 23 U.S.C. the State Transportation Agencies are responsible for the administration of Federal-aid transportation projects. Title 23 U.S.C. does not recognize local entities as direct recipients of Federal-aid funds. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) assumes the responsibilities of the Secretary of Transportation for all Federal-aid projects. GDOT stewardship includes the responsibility to assure local projects meet or exceed all applicable Federal and State laws, standards and requirements.

The roles and responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration-Georgia Division (FHWA), GDOT and Local Governments are defined in this LAP Manual.

GDOT has created the GDOT Project Manager role that is the responsible organizational point of contact for defining Local Government qualifications, LAP certification and Local Government Let Project coordination.

The GDOT Local Administered Project Manual will be in a state of review and revision as evolving Federal-aid project requirements come about. This LAP Manual will be placed on the GDOT Local Government webpage where revisions to the manual can be found. Questions, comments and recommendations are appreciated and encouraged.

Please visit the GDOT webpage at

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Local/LAP>

To submit questions or comments specific to the GDOT Local Administered Project Manual and its contents send an e-mail to: [lapmanual@dot.ga.gov](mailto:lapmanual@dot.ga.gov) or send comments to:

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