



Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

LMIG Centerline Mileage Reporting

The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program provides funding to counties and cities for road construction and maintenance. Road centerline mileages are part of the formula for determining LMIG funding levels for each local government. In support of the program, Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Office of Transportation Data (OTD) works closely with local governments to determine road centerline mileages.

OTD keeps a written record of the mileages and sets reasonable rules and regulations for keeping it current and accurate, per **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-2 Official map, list, and records; rules and regulations:**

(b) The department shall keep written records of the mileage on all public roads on the state highway system and on all public roads on each of the county road systems. These written records shall be revised as soon as is reasonably possible after any changes to the above public road systems. They shall indicate whether roads are paved or unpaved and shall contain information as to the condition, status, type, and use of all such public roads and such other information as deemed necessary for sound, long-range planning of public road construction and maintenance. These records shall be made available to each county and to the public.

(c) The department may provide reasonable rules and regulations for keeping accurate and up-to-date, between official measurements, the mileage record called for in this Code section. Each county shall comply with such rules and regulations.

Throughout the year, centerline mileages are updated as counties and cities notify GDOT of changes to local roadway networks. Per **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-41 Duties (County Roads Systems):**

(4) A county shall keep on file in the office of the county clerk, available for public inspection, the map of the county road system prepared by the department as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 32-4-2. In addition to keeping on file a map of the county road system, the county shall notify the department within three months after a county road is added to the local road or street system and shall further notify the department within three months after a local road or street has been abandoned. This notification shall be accompanied by an appropriate digital file, map, or plat depicting the location of the new or abandoned road

And per **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-91 Duties (Municipal Street Systems):**

(b) A municipality shall notify the department within three months after a municipal street is added to the municipal street system and shall further notify the department within three months after a municipal street is abandoned. This notification shall be accompanied by a map or plat depicting the location of the new or abandoned street.

Furthermore, every February, OTD asks each local government to report their centerline mileage for the end of the preceding calendar year. Local governments are asked to provide this mileage information by mid-April. If the reported mileage does not match GDOT's mileage record, then the local government is notified and given the opportunity to assist in reconciling their reported mileage.

When the local government requests to have their mileage reconciled, OTD carries out the centerline mileage reconciliation process (which is described herein) to establish the official number of centerline miles assigned to that government.

The centerline mileage reconciliation process begins by communicating with the local government. OTD analyzes its own data and compares it with any data that can be obtained from the local government. OTD also gathers other information from local officials who have the most authoritative knowledge of their road systems. Once OTD determines a valid mileage, it is reported to the local government. In the event that a local government does not agree with the mileage, the matter may be referred to the Commissioner of GDOT for a final determination, per **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-2 Official map, list, and records; rules and regulations:**

(d) Not more often than every four years, a county may request an official measurement of its county road system under the rules and regulations of the department; and the department shall comply with such a request if properly made. Whenever a mileage measurement is to be made in any county, whether in response to a request or in the regular course of measurement for the records of the department, the county shall furnish a representative to accompany the representatives of the department in its measurement. In case of disagreement between the department representative and the county representative as to their findings, the matter shall be referred to the commissioner, whose decision as to the facts thereof shall be final and conclusive. The distribution of the county grants based on public road mileage of the county road system shall be made on the basis of the latest official mileage record for each county as shown by department records at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

By mid-May, OTD reconciles all mileages and then delivers to the Local Grants Office the mileage for each county and city to be used in the formula for LMIG funds distribution.