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Mr. Russell McMurry, P.E.
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner McMurry:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) interest in participating in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program, 23. U.S.C. 327. Under this Program, GDOT can assume the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) environmental review responsibilities for highway projects. We appreciate GDOT's interest in incorporating efficiencies in project delivery through the implementation of this Program for Federal-aid highway projects in Georgia.

We also received the Georgia Department of Law's Waiver of Sovereign Immunity letter. This is outlined in 23 CFR 773.107 Pre-application requirements. With this step complete, GDOT will be able to start the readiness assessment and preparation of the application for the State's public comment solicitation. FHWA encourages GDOT to begin review of their environmental policies and procedures that will need to change once NEPA Assignment is assumed.

FHWA recommends GDOT utilize the MaineDOT NEPA Assignment documentation that is publicly available on their website as a resource to facilitate preparation of the application.

FHWA will schedule a meeting with GDOT in the near future to provide additional guidance to help prepare the State in obtaining NEPA Assignment. We look forward to working with GDOT as we identify the path forward for a successful participation in this Program.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner McMurry:

Thank you for your letter expressing the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) interest in participating in the State Assumption for Categorical Exclusions, 23. U.S.C. 326. Under this Program, GDOT can assume the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) environmental review responsibilities for projects categorically excluded from requirements for environmental assessments or environmental impact statements on highway projects. On October 27, 2025, we received the Georgia Department of Law's Waiver of Sovereign Immunity letter, which is outlined in 23 CFR 773.107 Pre-application requirements. We also received separately, GDOT's Statement of Interest for Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program, specific to 23 U.S.C. 327.

FHWA appreciates the continued coordination and preparation to assume NEPA Assignment. We have scheduled the upcoming Formal Coordination Meeting on March 16, 2026, and we look forward to working with GDOT as we identify the path forward for successful participation in this Program.

Sincerely,

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