

PCE Checklist Guidance

If the project is in more than one county, update to Counties

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Project name should match what is listed in TPro. This along with District #, STIP/TIP #, Lump Sum status, and Funded Years can be found in the [Preconstruction Status Report](#).

General Information

Project Name: Click here to enter text.			
GDOT District #: Choose an item.	STIP/TIP #: Click here to enter text.	LUMP SUM: <input type="checkbox"/>	
STIP/TIP Document Years:	Consistent with STIP/TIP: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Funded Years	Right of Way: Click here to enter text.	Construction: Click here to enter text.	

For lump sum projects that also fall within a MPO, use the STIP #

Confirm the STIP/TIP description is consistent with the project improvements.

Project Description: Click here to enter text.

Project description should be developed by NEPA analyst and descriptions used in special studies documents should be consistent.

Eligibility Determination for Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

Type of CE - Choose one from (c) or (d) drop-down lists:

(c) - list: NA	(d) - list: NA
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771.117(c)(1)(2)(4)(11)(13)(16)(17)(20)

If the project does not lead to construction and qualifies for a (c)(1)(2)(4)(11)(13)(16)(17)(20) CE then review is required. Proceed to **GDOT Approval**.

Select the most appropriate category from the drop-down list. Only one category should be selected from (c) or (d)

If selected, delete remainder of PCE template until signature block.

Only select this option if the project is a widening or trail project. If a LT package was submitted to FHWA, ensure it is included in the project file and check all three boxes below. All other projects would not be expected to require a logical termini package and should select the second option in the drop-down. If the project does not require a LT package, leave the below boxes unchecked.

Independent Utility and Logical Termini

A logical termini package was submitted to FHWA and FHWA concurrence was obtained on (date).

- Connects logical termini and is of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope;
- Has independent utility or independent significance (i.e., is a useable expenditure even if no additional transportation improvements in the area are made);
- The proposed project does not restrict consideration of alternatives for other reasonably foreseeable transportation improvements.

Round ROW and easement needs to the nearest tenth and ensure amounts match those reported in technical studies.

Right of Way (ROW): The project requires the following ROW/easement amounts:

Required Right of Way	Approximately Click here to enter text. acre(s)
Required Easement	Approximately Click here to enter text. acre(s)
Driveway Easement	Choose an item.

Further evaluation of the ROW and easement requirements demonstrates the following conditions apply:

- Choose an item.
- Choose an item. (example: net loss of parking or substantial loss of residential front yards.)
- Choose an item. (example: median removals, driveway access removals/modifications.)

If ROW or easement is needed, choose the most appropriate option from the drop-downs.

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Coordinate with design and select the most appropriate option from the drop down.

If a recreation area in the project corridor is likely to be impacted by the project footprint, then coordination with GDNR for a Land and Water Conservation Act (LWCF) conversion evaluation should occur to determine LWCF applicability.

Floodplain/way (EO 11988): Choose an item.

Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act: Choose an item.

CZMA applies to federal-aid projects located in Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, or Wayne counties. If the project is in one of these counties, confirm with design no impacts would occur to coastal zones.

Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA): The proposed project Choose an item.

Farmland Protection Policy Act: Choose an item.

Is ROW or permanent easement required from land designated for agricultural use? If yes, coordination with NRCS is required and should be conducted as part of early coordination. Select the most appropriate option from the drop-down based on this coordination.

Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)/Hazardous Materials: The proposed project Choose an item.

If the project requires ROW and is not a signal project, ensure Phase I ESA is included in project file. Coordinate with design and select the most appropriate option from the drop-down.

General Note: Dates for studies evaluations may be the date the report was approved/signed or the date the report was transmitted. Either are considered correct, but the dates used (signed date or transmitted date) should be consistent for all study dates referenced in the PCE.

Archaeology Resources (National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106): The following determination is from the archaeology evaluation dated Click here to enter a date.. The project has Choose an item.. Choose an item.. Because there are no adverse effects to archaeological resources, the project is eligible for processing under the PCE agreement.

Choose Option 1 if the project was cleared with a NPTCE. Choose Option 2 if no archaeological resources were identified. Choose Option 3 if archaeological resources were identified but are not eligible or do not require an ESA to be established. Choose Option 4 if archaeological resources are present and an ESA has been established.

Choose Option 1 if a NPTCE or short report that does not require SHPO concurrence; otherwise, choose Option 2 and replace the # with the date of SHPO concurrence.

Historic Resources (National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106): The following determination is from the history evaluation dated Click here to enter a date.. The project has Choose an item.. Choose an item.. Because there are no adverse effects to historic resources, the project is eligible for processing under the PCE agreement.

Choose Option 1 if the project was cleared with a NPTCE. Choose Option 2 if the project was cleared with a NHPA and no eligible resources are located within the APE. Choose Option 3 if the project was cleared with a NHPA but eligible resources are located within the APE. Replace the # with the number of eligible resources. Choose Option 4 if eligible resources are located within APE and there is no adverse effect. Replace # with number of eligible resources.

Choose Option 1 if the project was cleared with a NPTCE or NHPA that does not require SHPO concurrence; otherwise, choose Option 2 and replace the # with the date of SHPO concurrence.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act: The proposed project corridor has been evaluated for Section 4(f) resources. Choose an item. It has been determined that Choose an item. Since neither an individual nor programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation would be required, the proposed project is eligible for processing under the PCE Agreement.

Section 4(f) properties include significant publicly owned public parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, or any publicly or privately owned historic site listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any of these resource types exist in the project area (even if they are not impacted), choose option 2 and replace the # with the name of each resource.

Choose Option 1 if no Section 4(f) resources exist in the project area or if the project would require no use of land from any Section 4(f) resource. Choose Option 2 if the project does require use from Section 4(f) property but received a de minimis determination. Choose Option 3 if the project requires temporary occupancy of a Section 4(f) resource and the coordination with the official with jurisdiction has occurred.

Note that uses of eligible or listed historic transportation resources (e.g., bridges, highways, railroads, and depots) are subject to Section 4(f) **only if there is an adverse effect as determined by SHPO.**

For temporary occupancy, the scope of the work must be minor; there should be no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts; the land being used must be fully restored; and there must be documented agreement of the official(s) with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resource regarding the above conditions. If one or more of the above conditions cannot be met, then the property is considered to have a permanent incorporation use, even though the occupancy is temporary.

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Ecological Resources: The following determination is from the ecology evaluation dated [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Waters of the U.S./Jurisdictional Waters (Clean Water Act, Section 404):

	Wetlands	Open Waters
Total Number Identified		
Largest Individual impact (ft or ac)		
Cumulative impact to all sites (ft or ac)		

List the total number of each resource type identified regardless of impact. Use N/A if no resources present.

List the amount of the largest individual impact for each resource type. Use 0 if no impacts, and N/A if no resources.

List the total amount of impacts for each resource type. Use 0 if no impacts, and N/A if no resources.

Based on the results listed above, the project [Choose an item.](#) Thus, it is eligible to be processed under the PCE Agreement.

Select the correct option based on the approved ecology documentation.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA): [Choose an item.](#)

Select the correct option based on the approved ecology documentation. For Options 2 and 3 replace the X with the determination or concurrence date

Protected Species (Endangered Species Act, Section 7): The proposed project has been evaluated for impacts to federally protected species. To qualify for processing under the PCE Agreement, the project must fall in one of the following categories: (1) project is a type listed in the FHWA/GDOT/USFWS/ GA DNR 2021 Joint Coordination Procedures (JCP), programmatically determined to have "No Effect" on all listed species, or (2) GDOT made a "No Effect" determination for all listed species, or (3) USFWS made "May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect" determination for one or more listed species and Informal Section 7 concurrence has been received from the appropriate resource agency or agencies (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [USFWS], National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS], or both).

Select the correct option based on the approved ecology documentation. Review all options in the drop-down as a project may have multiple findings.

Determination: [Choose an item.](#)

If the project qualified under the 2021 JCP, list the project type it qualified under: [Click here to enter text.](#) (Note: If it qualifies under multiple categories, choose the first listed.)

Insert one category based on the approved ecology documentation. If the project qualifies under multiple categories, insert the first listed.

Special Provisions: [Choose an item.](#)

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Select the correct option based on the approved ecology documentation.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act: [Choose an item.](#)

For Option 1, list SP number and date

Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act: [Choose an item.](#)

Select the correct option based on the approved ecology documentation.

Wildlife and Habitat: Protective measures will be included in the contract to reduce risk of harm to migratory birds and bats.

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Air (Clean Air Act): The following determinations are from the air quality impact assessment.

[Click here to enter a date.](#)

Choose the appropriate option based on the approved air documentation. Even if the project is within a MPO, use the STIP # for lump sum projects.

Ozone:	Choose an item.
Mobile Source Air Toxins (MSATs):	Choose an item.
CO	Currently, there are no areas within the State of Georgia that are classified as nonattainment or maintenance for Carbon Monoxide (CO), per the 1-hour and 8-hour primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for CO. In an effort to continue to expedite the NEPA process for GDOT projects, GDOT and FHWA have signed an agreement effective May 1, 2020 determining that quantitative CO project-level analyses are not required for projects located in CO attainment areas throughout Georgia.
PM 2.5	Effective October 24, 2016 the State of Georgia is considered to be in attainment for PM _{2.5} , so no further analysis of PM _{2.5} emissions is warranted.

Choose the appropriate option based on the approved air documentation.

Choose the appropriate option based on the approved noise documentation.

Noise (23 CFR 772): The following determination is from the noise impact analysis dated [Click here to enter a date.](#): Choose an item.

404 and SBV: Choose the appropriate option based on the approved ecology documentation.

Permits

Permit Type	Applicable to Project
Section 404 Permit (if Individual Permit needed, project not eligible for PCE)	Choose an item.
Stream Buffer Variance	Choose an item.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	Choose an item.
US Coast Guard Permit (if needed, project not eligible for PCE)	Choose an item.
Tennessee Valley Authority Permit (TVA)	Choose an item.
Other: (List Type)	Choose an item.

NPDES is required when a project would have more than 1 acre of contiguous disturbance. Coordinate with the designer on the correct option from the drop-down.

Could be required if the project involves construction of a bridge over a navigable water. The lead Federal agency determines if a permit is needed through coordination with the Bridge office.

Georgia Counties found within the Tennessee Valley Watershed include Catoosa, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Rabun, Towns, Union, Walker, and Whitfield. TVA reservoirs located in Georgia include Blue Ridge (Fannin County) and Nottely (Union County), as well as portions of Chatuge (Towns County). Stream reaches downstream of TVA dams in Georgia include the Toccoa River (Georgia/Tennessee State Line to Blue Ridge Dam) and Nottely River (Mouth to Nottely Dam). The project ecologist will coordinate with TVA to determine if a permit is required.

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If option 2 is selected, replace the # with a summary of the churches and institutions in the study area and the project's effect to each resource. If Impacts result in a net loss in parking or if ROW impacts impair the use of a property, the project cannot be cleared with a PCE.

Churches and Institutions: Choose an item.

Traffic Disruptions: The GDOT Project Manager, Click here to enter text., has verified that the project would not involve a permanent change in access, such as adding or removing intersections, adding or removing median access (median cuts), change in access to the Interstate system or a controlled access highway; conversion of a local street into a higher classification of roadway; or any other change in access that causes substantial public controversy as evidenced by public or stakeholder involvement conducted in accordance with GDOT's Public Involvement Plan or other communications of public concern about the project as evidenced by phone calls, letters, meetings, emails, etc.

Insert name of GDOT project manager.

Insert date of verification email from the GDOT PM. Ensure the email is saved in the project file on GDOT's ProjectWise

Verification date: Click here to enter a date..

Public Bus Stops: Choose an item.

Select the appropriate option from the drop-down based on coordination with design. Ensure all outreach documentation is saved in the project file on GDOT's ProjectWise

Select the appropriate option from the drop-down based on your project. Replace the # with the date coordination occurred. Ensure all outreach documentation is saved to the project file on GDOT's ProjectWise. Early coordination with EMS, Schools, etc. is sent out by OPD or OBDM. Copies of the coordination can be obtained from the GDOT PM

Detours: *Detour potential and conditions:* Choose an item.

Community Context: Choose an item.

Choose the appropriate option from the drop-down based on project type and/or your analysis of the project using [STEAP](#).

Public Involvement: Choose an item.

Type of Public Involvement	Advertisement languages	Date	# visiting website	# Comments	Date of Response

(Add rows as needed. If no public involvement activities will occur, note as "NONE" in the table.)

Public Controversy: Choose an item.

Add rows as needed for multiple PI events/activities. Insert "None" if no PI activities were required.

Select the appropriate option from the drop-down.

For option 2, replace the # with a summary of why PI was required.

Community Impacts:

The project is not anticipated to result in community impacts because there will be no substantial right-of-way acquired from within communities, there will be no permanent change in access to communities or community resources, and there will be no relocations of residences, businesses or institutions serving the community(ies).

Check box. If statements are not accurate for your project, the project cannot be processed using a PCE.

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Select the appropriate option from the drop-down.

Economic Impacts: Choose an item.

Low Income and Minority Communities (Environmental Justice) (EO 12898) (EO14096): Choose an item. [DOT Order 5610.2]

For options 2 and 3, use STEAP, census data, and review of the corridor to determine if EJ communities are present.

Supporting File Documentation: The preparer, reviewer, and approver should confirm that all supporting documentation is in the GDOT Environmental File. The following should be included, if applicable:

All relevant documentation should be included in the project file on GDOT's ProjectWise. If any files are not located in the project file, upload the supporting documentation with the PCE for review. Do not attach supporting documentation to the PCE. While not listed here, all early coordination materials should be included in the project file.

1. All Section 106 documentation (including tribal coordination)
2. All Section 7 USFWS Agency Coordination
3. FWCA Coordination documentation, including correspondence
4. Early Coordination Letters and Responses
5. Public Involvement Information (including: Summary of Comments, Public Comments, Responses to Comments, community context documents.)
6. Air Quality Analysis
7. Noise Impact Analysis
8. Special Provision(s)
9. Ecology Reports and Addenda (including survey reports)
10. Reference Page from STIP/TIP
11. Farmland Rating Form (NRCS Form AD 1006)
12. Floodplain/way (H&H study cover page or anticipated H&H results)
13. UST/Hazardous Materials Reports (includes Phase I & Phase II if needed)
14. STEAP Analysis
15. Traffic Analysis
16. Logical Termini package

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Select the appropriate option from the drop-down for all supporting file types.

Attach the signed ECT to the end of the PCE document.

The Environmental Commitments Table is attached.

Prepared By:

Preparer's Name, Preparer's Position/Title
Preparer's Firm Name

Date

Reviewed By:

Reviewer's Name, Reviewer's Position/Title
Georgia Department of Transportation

Date

Approved By:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Date

This PCE is approved on behalf of FHWA Georgia Division, Division Administrator.

cc: Provide PDF (or link) to Project Manager, State Project Review Engineer, and ProjectWise