

## Hall County Government

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Georgia Department of Transportation One Georgia Center 600 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30308

RE: Construction Funding Commitments SARDIS RD CONN FM SR 60 TO SARDIS RD NEAR CHESTATEE RD Project Identification Number (P.I. No.) 0003626

Dear Mr. Shelby,

I am responding to your request concerning the Sardis Road Connector project, referenced as P.I. No. 0003636.

We acknowledge the Department's overall construction funding commitment of \$56,476,681.24. We understand the importance of this initiative for Hall County and the broader community.

As requested, Hall County reaffirms its commitment, as outlined in the March 17, 2011 agreement between Hall County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (see attached), to cover the construction costs should they exceed the Department's committed amount. Along with this commitment, we respectfully request a significant say in decision-making processes, particularly in choices that might impact costs beyond the stated threshold. This involvement ensures the project aligns with our county's fiscal policies and community interests.

Additionally, we emphasize the importance of timely communication. We request to be notified as soon as possible regarding any developments that may impact the project's costs, enabling us to make informed decisions and preparations effectively.

We are dedicated to maintaining open and transparent communication with the Georgia Department of Transportation throughout the project's lifecycle, ensuring its successful completion while adhering to our mutual objectives and fiscal responsibilities. Thank you for your partnership with Hall County. We are committed to this significant project and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to enhance the infrastructure and wellbeing of our community.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Higgins

cc: Zach Propes, County Administrator
Casey Ramsey, Assistant County Administrator
Srikanth Yamala, Director, Community Development and Infrastructure
Bill Nash, P.E., Director, Public Works and Utilities