

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Ratification of 2026 LMIG – Safety Action Plan (SAP) Grant Application

DATE: May 8, 2026

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION: \$265,142.00

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

() OTHER

GRANT- \$200,000.00

SPLOST VIII- \$65,142.00

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: May 18, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to request ratification by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners of the submission of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) LMIG 2026 Safety Action Plan (SAP) Grant application and approval of the required local matching funds if awarded.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Safety Action Plan (SAP) Program is intended to improve safety on county off-system roads through roadway safety improvements. The proposed improvements for Habersham County include installation of new high-build traffic paint striping, which provides superior reflectivity and durability compared to standard traffic paint by allowing a thicker application (up to 30+ wet mils) that better retains reflective glass beads.

The proposed project includes replacement and renewal of roadway striping on approximately 35.83 miles of county roads (see attachment for project list). The total estimated project cost is \$265,142.00.

The Safety Action Plan application is administered through the GDOT Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program. As with all LMIG projects, a minimum 30% local match is required. Although the minimum required local share is approximately \$60,000.00, the proposed local contribution is estimated at \$65,142.00 and will be funded through SPLOST VIII.

Because GDOT requires execution of application and certification documents at the time of submission, staff proceeded with submission of the application documents in order to meet grant deadlines and is requesting formal ratification by the Board of Commissioners.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- LMIG Safety Action Plan Grant funding will allow the County to replace and renew roadway striping on approximately 35.83 miles of seven (7) county roads.
 - Proposed GDOT grant funding amount is \$200,000.00.
 - A minimum 30% local match (\$60,000) is required.
 - Proposed local share is estimated at \$65,142.00.
 - Total estimated project value is \$265,142.00.
 - Local matching funds will be funded through SPLOST VIII.
 - Board ratification is requested due to GDOT submission and signature requirements associated with the application process.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation
 - 2) Deny recommendation
 - 3) Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to ratify the submission of the LMIG 2026 Safety Action Plan (SAP) Grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for roadway safety striping improvements (see attachment for project list), including the required local matching funds if awarded.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Mike Gardner

Interim Director: Mac Koon

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager



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April 30, 2026

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RE: LMIG 2026 Safety Action Plan (SAP) Grant Application – Habersham County

Mr. Arnhart

Please find enclosed the Habersham County 2026 LMIG / SAP application, along with a project list including locations, scope of work, and estimated costs. The projects being proposed for the 2026 LMIG / SAP program consist of centerline and edge striping for 35.83 miles of County roads.

The 2026 LMIG/LRA resurfacing projects have been released for bidding; we anticipate project completion by October 9, 2026. The 2025 LMIG/LRA resurfacing projects were awarded to Pittman Construction Company of Conyers, GA. The current value of the project is \$1,881,260.94. The project work has been completed. We are processing final closeout documentation and preparing for final payment. There are no other active LMIG projects in Habersham County.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Mac Koon, Interim Public Works Director at (706) 839-0183.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Harkness, Chairman
Habersham County Board of Commissioners

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)
APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 20²⁶ SAP
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Date of Application: May 1, 2026

Name of local government: Habersham County

Address: 130 Jacob's Way, Suite 301 Clarkesville, GA 30523

Contact Person and Title: Mr Bruce Harkness, County Board of Commissioners Chairman

Contact Person's Phone Number: 706-839-0200

Contact Person's Fax Number: 706-839-0209

Contact Person's Email: bharkness@habershamga.com

Is the Priority List attached? Y

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Bruce Harkness (Name), the Board of Commissioners Chairman (Title), on behalf of Habersham County (Local Government), who being duly sworn do swear that the information given herein is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Local Government swears and certifies that it has read and understands the LMIG General Guidelines and Rules and that it has complied with and will comply with the same.

Local government further swears and certifies that it has read and understands the regulations for the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 (O.C.G.A. § 45-12-200, et seq.), Service Delivery Strategy Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20, et seq.), and the Local Government Budgets and Audits Act (O.C.G.A. 36-81-7 et seq.) and will comply in full with said provisions. Local government further swears and certifies that the roads or sections of roads described and shown on the local government's Project List are dedicated public roads and are part of the Public Road System in said county/city. Local government further swears and certifies that it complied with federal and/or state environmental protection laws and at the completion of the project(s), it met the match requirements as stated in the Transportation Investment ACT (TIA).

Further, the local government shall be responsible for any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications, work and other services furnished by or on behalf of the local government pursuant to this Application ("Loss"). To the extent provided by law, the local government further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the DEPARTMENT and the State of Georgia from all suits or claims that may arise from said Loss.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)
APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 20²⁶ SAP**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

If the local government fails to comply with these General Guidelines and Rules, or fails to comply with its Application and Certification, or fails to cooperate with the auditor(s) or fails to maintain and retain sufficient records, the DEPARTMENT may, at its discretion, prohibit the local government from participating in the LMIG program in the future and may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the LMIG funds. Furthermore, if in the estimation of the DEPARTMENT, a roadway or bridge shows evidence of failure(s) due to poor workmanship, the use of substandard materials, or the failure to follow the required design and construction guidelines as set forth herein, the Department may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the allocated LMIG funds or prohibit local government from participating in the LMIG program until such time as corrections are made to address the deficiencies or reimbursement is made. All projects identified on the Project list shall be constructed in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications of Transportation Systems (Current Edition), Supplemental Specifications (Current Edition), and Special Provisions.

Local Government:

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E-Verify Number

Bruce Harkness (Signature)
Bruce Harkness (Print)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 11th day of May, 2026.

Mayor / Commission Chairperson

5-11-26 (Date)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAL:



In the presence of:

NOTARY PUBLIC

Brandal D. Carnes
My Commission Expires:

NOTARY SEAL:



GDOT LMIG APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Local Government **must include a cover letter** with their LMIG Application. The cover letter shall include the following:
 - a. Overview of type of project(s) being requested
 - b. Status of previous LMIG funding
 - c. Signature of Mayor or County Commission Chairperson
2. The LMIG Application Form shall include the following:
 - a. Signature of Mayor or County Commission Chairperson
 - b. County/City Seal (Required)
 - c. Notary signature and seal
3. Project List including a brief description of work to be done at each location
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE must be signed

FY 2026 **LMIG PROJECT REPORT**

COUNTY / CITY Habersham

Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length (Miles)	Description of Work	Project Cost	Project Let Date
Dicks Hill Parkway	Chase Rd	County Boundary	7.95	Centerline and edge striping	\$58,830.00	Aug-'26
Pea Ridge Rd	Old 197	Cannon Bridge Rd	6.76	Centerline and edge striping	\$50,024.00	Aug-'26
Stonepile RD	Alec Mountain Rd	Piedmont Mountain Rd	3.33	Centerline and edge striping	\$24,642.00	Aug-'26
Gainesville Highway	County Boundary	Grant Mill Rd	6.75	Centerline and edge striping	\$49,950.00	Aug-'26
Habersham Mills Rd	US 441	CR 115	3.54	Centerline and edge striping	\$26,196.00	Aug-'26
Blair Rd	Dicks Hill Pkwy.	Old 197	1.91	Centerline and edge striping	\$14,134.00	Aug-'26
Old Historic 441	US 23	Talmadge Dr.	5.59	Centerline and edge striping	\$41,366.00	Aug-'26

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
ANNUAL IMMIGRATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/
NO SANCTUARY POLICY/FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

By executing this document, the undersigned duly authorized representative of the Local Governing Body, certifies that the Local Governing Authority:

- 1) has filed a compliant Annual Immigration Compliance Report with the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts ("GDA&A") for the preceding calendar year required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-4(b), or has been issued a written exemption from GDA&A from doing so;
- 2) has not enacted a "Sanctuary Policy" in violation of O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23(b); and,
- 3) is in compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 35-1-17 *et seq.* regarding its obligation to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement authorities to deter the presence of criminal illegal aliens.

As an ongoing condition to receiving funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Local Governing Body shall continue to remain fully compliant with O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-4, 36-80-23 and 35-1-17 *et seq.* for the duration of time the subject agreement is in effect.



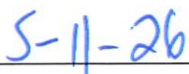
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent



Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent



Title of Authorized Officer or Agent



Date

GEORGIA DOT LMIG PROGRAM
Habersham County 2026 Project List

No.	Co. Rd. No.	Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length (Miles)	Description of Work	Project Cost	Project Let Date
at \$3,700mile*2								
1	545	Dicks Hill Parkway	Chase Rd	County Boundary	7.95	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 58,830.00	Aug-26
2	382	Pea Ridge Rd	Old 197	Cannon Bridge Rd	6.76	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 50,024.00	Aug-26
3	200	Stonepile RD	Alec Mountain Rd	Piedmont Mountain Rd	3.33	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 24,642.00	Aug-26
4	432	Gainesville Highway	County Boundary	Grant Mill Rd	6.75	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 49,950.00	Aug-26
5	383	Habersham Mills Rd	US 441	CR 115	3.54	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 26,196.00	Aug-26
6	100	Blair Rd	Dicks Hill Pkwy.	Old 197	1.91	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 14,134.00	Aug-26
7	648	Old Historic 441	US 23	Talmadge Dr	5.59	Centerline and edge striping	\$ 41,366.00	Aug-26
TOTAL MILES: 35.83							\$ 265,142.00	
							\$ 200,000.00	SAP Grant
							\$ 60,000.00	min 30% match

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