



July 1, 2026

Andy Allen, Sole County Commissioner
Chattooga County Commissioner's Office
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RE: Proposal for Bridge Inspection --
Oak Hill Rd. over Mosteller Creek
GDOT Bridge # 055-01027F-004.99E
Chattooga County, Georgia

Dear Commissioner Allen:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this proposal for professional engineering services to perform a 3rd party structural inspection and condition assessment of the bridge on Oak Hill Rd. at Mosteller Creek, in Chattooga County, Georgia. The following outlines our proposed scope of work and general assumptions for this project.

Project Overview and Understanding:

Due to the current condition of the bridge, GDOT inspectors have inspected the bridge and due to its assessment, GDOT has forced closure of the bridge until repairs can be made to make it serviceable again. We are in receipt of the latest bridge inspection report dated 5/31/26 and understand the issues identified. Our goal would be to inspect the bridge further and identify remedial measures that could lead to reopening the bridge with a posted weight limited suitable for regular to light traffic.

Scope of Basic Professional Services:

The scope of our services, method of payment and the understanding of our professional relationship are more fully described below. They are phased to reflect the orderly and reasonable progress of the project and unless otherwise directed by you, we will proceed from one phase to the next with your concurrence and approval. This proposal will remain valid for 60 days.

I. Data Collection Phase

1. Review available bridge documentation.
2. Research availability of original design plans and rehabilitation plans.
3. Obtain and review previous inspection and load rating reports.
4. Review and assess recent emergency inspection findings.

II. Inspection Phase

1. Perform a visual inspection of all accessible bridge components to evaluate current condition and functionality, including all accessible deck, superstructure, and substructure.
2. Evaluate and document the extent and severity of deterioration, section loss, cracking, deformation, settlement, scour, or other structural deficiencies affecting load-carrying capacity. Observe alignment, sagging, and overall structural behavior.

3. Document existing conditions with photographs and field notes.
4. Verify existing bridge geometry, member sizes, framing configuration, and current field conditions necessary for structural analysis.
5. The scope of services is limited to a visual inspection and condition assessment of the existing structure. No destructive testing, structural load testing, or detailed engineering design is included unless otherwise requested.
6. Water levels, site conditions, and weather will allow for a reasonable inspection of the structure. Conditions limiting visibility or access may impact the level of evaluation.

III. Structural Evaluation

1. Evaluate the condition and remaining capacity of primary load-carrying members supporting the center portion of the structure.
2. Perform a bridge load analysis in accordance with applicable AASHTO and agency requirements, incorporating observed deterioration and section loss where appropriate. Evaluate the load-carrying capacity of the bridge under current conditions and determine whether the center portion can safely support vehicular traffic.
3. Assess potential traffic configurations, including reduced lane widths, single-lane operation, center-lane-only usage, and applicable load restrictions.
4. Identify any immediate repairs, shoring, stabilization measures, or traffic control requirements necessary to facilitate reopening of the center portion of the bridge.
5. Determine whether reopening the center portion of the bridge can be accomplished while maintaining an acceptable factor of safety and level of service.

IV. Reporting Phase

1. Meet with you virtually to discuss the results of the field inspection.
2. Develop an inspection monitoring plan, if the structure is reopened. I know the goal would be to monitor for the next 5 years, but hopefully GDOT can replace this structure sooner, and I am anticipating based on the current condition, we might be able to get three years.
3. Prepare a summary technical memorandum documenting findings, structural analysis results, reopening recommendations, load posting requirements, and any necessary restrictions or repairs.
4. Include photographic documentation and a concise narrative summary of the bridge's current condition.
5. Identify priority actions and suggested timeframes for implementation.
6. Provide an evaluation of anticipated remaining service life for each option.
7. Identify conditions that may require future closure if repairs are deferred.

Proposed Project Schedule:

1. Project kickoff meeting (virtual)June 22
2. Inspection phaseJuly 20, 2026 to August 7, 2026
3. Structural evaluation..... Within 30 days of Inspection Completion
4. Reporting phase..... Within 30 days of Inspection Completion
5. Final report complete.....2 weeks after Reporting Phase

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Services Not Included:

For a clearer understanding of our work scope, the following is not included in our Scope of Professional Services. We can furnish these additional services upon your request.

- Design, details, or plans for immediate bridge repairs
- Soil Borings and Testing
- Environmental Assessment
- Topographic Survey
- Design for the replacement structure

Fee Schedule:

Our anticipated fee for the scope of the work as outlined above is a lump sum fee of **\$27,900**. We will submit monthly invoices to you for our professional services, additional authorized services, and any reimbursable expenses. We have calculated these fees based on our understanding of the project. Should we approach the amount of fee for any reason before we are finished with the work, if the scope changes, or if our understanding is incorrect, we will notify you and discuss the option of further adjusting the amount of the fee or adjusting the scope of services.

Included with this letter is a copy of the general conditions for our services that are part of this agreement. Any changes to this agreement must be agreed on by both of us in writing.

If this proposal meets with your approval, please acknowledge with an authorized signature below. Please return one executed copy to us and maintain the other for your records.

We deeply appreciate your confidence in Spicer Group and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



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Transportation Director



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Above proposal accepted and approved
by Owner.

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE**

By: 
Authorized Signature

Date: July 27 2026