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**City of Fairburn Secures Elite GDOT Recertification, Empowering Major Federal-Aid Infrastructure Projects**

**Fairburn, GA — August 13, 2024** — The City of Fairburn announces its recertification by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to administer federal-aid projects, a critical authorization that empowers the city to fully manage and execute a wide range of infrastructure projects with no limitations. This significant milestone, known as the Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification, underscores Fairburn's commitment to excellence and its pivotal role in shaping the future of the community.

This recertification is more than just a procedural achievement—it is a powerful testament to the City's ability to navigate the complexities of federally funded projects with precision and integrity. The LAP Certification not only reaffirms Fairburn's eligibility to manage substantial federal and state investments but also highlights the City's dedication to building and sustaining vital infrastructure that supports the growth and prosperity of its residents.

"We are immensely proud of this recertification, which reflects our unwavering commitment to advancing Fairburn's infrastructure and ensuring that our community continues to thrive," said Mayor Mario B. Avery. "This achievement is a direct result of the diligence, expertise, and teamwork of our city administration and staff, who are dedicated to delivering projects that make a real difference in the lives of our citizens."

As part of the recertification process, Fairburn successfully passed a rigorous GDOT LAP Audit for the Downtown LCI Streetscape Project (P.I. # 0012636 - SR 14; CS 4130/W Campbellton Road & CS 4050/Smith Street-LCI) conducted on March 27, 2024. Passing this audit, which is conducted randomly and can be a daunting challenge for many municipalities, further validates Fairburn's readiness and capacity to handle complex, high-stakes projects.

Failure to pass such audits could have resulted in the repayment of critical state and federal funding, amounting to approximately \$5 million for the Downtown LCI Streetscape Project and an anticipated \$125 million for the forthcoming I-85 at SR 74 Interchange Project. Fairburn's successful audit is a clear indicator of the City's preparedness and steadfast commitment to accountability.

"This recertification is not just a validation of our processes but a shield protecting the significant investments we are making in Fairburn's future," said Tony M. Phillips, City Administrator. "With this authorization, we are fully equipped to move forward with confidence, knowing that we have the tools, the expertise, and the trust of GDOT to deliver on projects that are crucial to our city's continued success."

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**About the City of Fairburn:**

The City of Fairburn, "Situated to Succeed," is a vibrant and thriving community located in the heart of southern Fulton County, Georgia, boasting a rich historical legacy. Dedicated to fostering a high quality of life, Fairburn is committed to sustainable development, economic vitality, and inclusive community engagement. With a focus on innovation and growth, Fairburn continuously strives to enhance the well-being of its residents while preserving its unique character and charm. Discover more about Fairburn's initiatives and community spirit at [www.fairburn.com](http://www.fairburn.com).