Purpose
To define how Utah Department of Transportation (Department) construction engineering may proceed on Local Government Projects.

Policy
The Department maintains an adequate staff of competent personnel to accomplish its mission in construction engineering. Consultants are used as needed to mitigate peak work loads. Construction engineering for local government federal-aid projects represents work over and above that for which the Construction Division of the Department is staffed. The Department will not perform construction engineering for local government projects unless the local government requests assistance and can show that a hardship exists and that substantial savings can be realized by using the Department for construction engineering. The Construction Division will assign a project engineer in a hardship case only with a written request by the local agency and with written approval by the Department Executive Staff.

The time involved in following the independent estimate process to obtain a consultant is not a valid reason for using Department construction engineering.

Local governments may use their engineer of record or a consultant to perform construction engineering on local federal aid projects when federal funds are used for construction engineering provided they are certified to perform construction engineering. The Department will assign a project manager to monitor the project during construction. The Department project manager will charge appropriate costs to the project.

Department employees are encouraged to continue their traditional coordination and technical assistance to Local governments in both federal-aid and non-federal-aid transportation concerns.