

January 22, 2024



Mr. Stephen Landry
State Traffic Engineer
Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Subject: Letter of Support for Attain Grant Request for Route 1 Camera Installation in Brunswick, Maine

Dear Stephen:

I am writing to express the support of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority for the Maine Department of Transportation's grant request to the federal Department of Transportation for an Attain Grant. This grant, as outlined in your proposal, seeks to install cameras along a section of Route 1 in Brunswick, Maine between Maine Street and the Cooks Corner Exit, with the primary aim of monitoring traffic patterns, congestion and weather conditions along a critical section of Route 1.

The installation of these cameras will bring about significant benefits to both residents and commuters in Brunswick. The real-time monitoring of congestion and traffic conditions will not only enhance the efficiency of the transportation system but also contribute to improved safety on the roads. With the closure of Naval Air Station Brunswick adjacent to the Cooks Corner exit, the successful redevelopment effort has added over 353 new housing units to the campus and has grown employment to over 2,529 new jobs. Unlike the former Navy base, most of the workers on campus also do not live on campus adding to the traffic in this important corridor during the morning and evening commute.

The data collected from these cameras will serve as a valuable resource for future transportation planning and development. The insights gained from monitoring traffic patterns and congestion can inform strategic decisions that contribute to the overall improvement of the transportation infrastructure in Brunswick.

Investing in modern technology, such as the proposed camera system, aligns with the broader goal of creating a smart and efficient transportation network. It reflects a proactive approach to addressing current and future challenges, ultimately benefiting the entire community. The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority has developed a vast communication network with our businesses at Brunswick Landing and we would be able to share updated information with employers on changing traffic conditions, so that they could inform their employees.

In addition, the ability to monitor weather conditions through these cameras is a crucial aspect of the proposal. In Maine, where weather conditions can be unpredictable and challenging, having accurate and timely information about road conditions is vital for ensuring the safety of all road users. The

proposed cameras will undoubtedly provide valuable data to help authorities make informed decisions during adverse weather events.

I commend the Maine Department of Transportation for taking the initiative to seek funding for this project, and I urge the federal Department of Transportation to consider this grant request favorably.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey K. Jordan', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffrey K. Jordan
Deputy Director
Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

cc. Kristine Logan, Executive Director