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City Manager

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Brewer is writing in support of MaineDOT's funding request to the FY2023 - 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) for repairs, rehabilitation and replacement of seven bridges on I-395 between Bangor and Brewer, Maine. Over time, these bridges have been severely affected by alkali-silica reaction (ASR), an issue caused by a chemical reaction between alkali from the cement and silica aggregates in the presence of moisture. While certain regions may be more prone to ASR, the risk is not limited to these areas and has grown to be an identified issue in nearly every state with the higher levels of concrete cement being used.

If left unabated, the cracking and deterioration of the concrete will continue to compromise the structural integrity of the identified bridges along I-395. The City of Brewer is in support of MaineDOT's efforts to address the bridge conditions throughout the State, generally, and along I-395, specifically. The I-395 bridge project is not only important locally, but statewide, as this is a vital transportation corridor in the Bangor/Brewer area.

The City of Brewer is a strong supporter to MaineDOT BIP I-395 application. MaineDOT is committed to sustainable solutions through rehabilitations and replacement of these structures as part of a safe, resilient transportation system.

Sincerely,

Stephen Bost
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