



# DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

## CITY OF BANGOR

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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 Bangor 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). If left unabated, the cracking and deterioration of the concrete will continue to compromise the structural integrity of the identified bridges along I-395.

With portions of I-395 accommodating nearly 20,000 vehicles/day, the City of Bangor strongly supports MaineDOT's efforts to address bridge conditions throughout the state in general, and more specifically along I-395. 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 Bangor is a strong supporter of MaineDOT BIP I-395 application and is appreciative of MaineDOT's commitment to develop sustainable solutions through rehabilitations and replacement of these structures as part of a safe, resilient transportation system. The City of Bangor hopes that you will consider this important MaineDOT project for funding.

Sincerely,

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Bangor City Engineer