

Updated 2010-2011 Capital Work Plan

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) is pleased to present this **updated Capital Work Plan (Work Plan)** for the FY 2010-2011 biennium which covers July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. The *Work Plan* represents MaineDOT's strategy to apply available resources to the design and construction of transportation infrastructure throughout the state. MaineDOT is issuing an updated *Work Plan* to reflect the following major changes since the initial *2010-2011 Capital Work Plan* was presented to the 124th Maine Legislature this past April:

- Cancellation of approximately 75% of initially proposed maintenance paving projects (Maintenance Surface Treatment or MST) in order to meet the funding levels set forth in the final state 2010-2011 Highway Fund Budget.
- Revisions associated with the amount and disposition of Maine's Highway Fund and General Fund General Obligation Bonds based on legislative changes from initial *Work Plan* publication to what is being sent to voters via referendum.

As noted in the Foreword of the prior *2010-2011 Capital Work Plan*, transportation funding may be volatile over the next several years. Current major federal transportation funding laws expire September 30, 2009 and it could be months to a year or more before new final federal funding authorizations are in place. Any major changes in anticipated federal revenue, matching requirements or how funds may be used from prior federal laws will require future updates to this *Work Plan*. On the state side, if Highway Fund Revenue Projections change or if Maine voters do not approve the General Obligation bonds this November, this *Work Plan* will also need to be updated again.

Although transportation funding will continue to remain uncertain at least until Congress and the President approve a new federal funding authorization law, MaineDOT staff will continue to evaluate project costs, scopes of work and efficiency savings to realize the best available use of scarce transportation resources. For instance, MaineDOT is currently reviewing projects with the goal of increasing the amount of paving miles this biennium. This includes an evaluation of the Pavement Preservation Program regarding both locations where projects are funded and the best practical use of all pavement treatments. MaineDOT is also exploring all options for utilizing federal funds for thin pavement treatments on unbuilt major collector highways.