

Overview of Preliminary Evaluation of Non-Bypass Strategies
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At the November 14, 2011 workshop the Wiscasset and Edgecomb joint Boards of Selectmen identified their vision along with specific goals and evaluation criteria to be used to identify and evaluate non-bypass strategies. MaineDOT has developed a draft Vision, Goals and Evaluation Criteria based on what was stated at that meeting for formal adoption by the two Boards. Refer to the attached draft document for details.

Also at the November 14 workshop, MaineDOT provided a listing of 38 non-bypass strategies suggested by various individuals and groups over the past several years. These are described in the "Potential Non-Bypass Strategies" dated November 1, 2011 (attached).

MaineDOT has applied the evaluation criteria developed at the November 14 meeting to develop a list of short-, medium- and long-term strategies MaineDOT believes may be worth considering. Attached are a series of five tables providing the following information:

- All 38 strategies
- Consolidated strategies, wherein similar strategies have been combined
- Short-Term Strategies (potentially implemented by summer 2012)
- Medium-Term Strategies (potential funding in the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program)
- Long-Term Strategies (potential funding beyond 2015)

The process used in identifying potential strategies worth considering further follows:

- Traffic Mobility Impacts had to be Medium or High to warrant further consideration.
- Strategies were broken out into Short, Medium and Long time lines
- The evaluation criteria were applied on a comparative basis to each strategy
- Strategy criteria that were deemed to be the best were color coded yellow, and those that were considered moderately effective were color coded orange. Elements that were not effective or considered detrimental were left uncolored.
- Strategies that MaineDOT does not believe would be effective, or otherwise are negative as a whole are highlighted in red, indicating they should not be considered further.
- Similar strategies were combined – these are shown in the second table.
- The remaining three tables provide listings of potential short-, medium- and long-term strategies for further consideration by the joint Boards of Selectmen.
- Those strategies having the best overall ranking should be attempted first.

The Joint Boards of Selectmen will be asked at the December 12 workshop to identify those strategies they want to continue to pursue. Discussion on the process to be used to report back to the Towns will also be held. MaineDOT expects to work with Town planners and others to work out details and would then periodically report back to the joint Boards as the various tasks are completed.

Attachments

- Draft Vision, Goals and Performance Measures to Identify and Evaluate Non-Bypass Strategies
- Potential Non-Bypass Strategies dated November 1, 2011
- Preliminary Evaluation of Previously-Defined Potential Non-Bypass Strategies (5 tables)