

US Route 1 Non-Bypass Strategies

Establishing a Joint Vision, Goals and Performance Measures

to

Identify and Evaluate Non-Bypass Strategies

Selectmen from the Towns of Edgecomb and Wiscasset were asked at the November 14 Joint Boards of Selectmen Workshop to identify a common vision, goals and performance measures to be used in identifying and evaluating non-bypass strategies. The following drafts represent key points made at the Workshop (see attached Workshop Summary). The two Boards of Selectmen are asked to review the statements and to provide further input at the upcoming December 12 meeting. The statements will then be used in the ensuing discussion to identify and evaluate the potential strategies to be considered.

Proposed Vision Statement

The Boards of Selectmen from the Towns of Wiscasset and Edgecomb envision US Route 1 as being a major thoroughfare connecting midcoast Maine and having smooth and safe traffic flows providing residents, through travelers and pedestrians an opportunity to enjoy the scenic, cultural and historic nature of the area.

Goals

- Minimize traffic delays
- Minimize overall travel time through the two communities
- Improve traffic safety
- Maintain the area's historic and cultural assets – improvements should be appropriate to and in keeping with the historic era
- Provide smooth traffic flow with minimal disruptions and delays
- Minimize traffic volumes
- Minimize jay walking
- Be pedestrian friendly – provide suitable pedestrian crossing opportunities without inhibiting traffic flow
- Implement strategies in the short-term
- Promote the area as a destination, but also offer alternate routes for through-travelers
- Protect and enhance historic values of the area
- Incorporate mulimodal approaches
- Ensure Davey Bridge is not considered a barrier to the rest of the County

Evaluation Criteria

- Impact to traffic volume
- Impact to safety
- Cost
- Benefit-to-Cost
- Sustainability
- Impacts to historic assets/Viewshed
- Acceptability to surrounding communities from those that are impacted the most
- Identify and implement short-term strategies first, then consider longer-term strategies