

EIS Schedule	Forecasted Schedule
Decision to pause NEPA/project	2024
Decision to restart NEPA evaluation	6/1/2026
Press release	6/1/2026
MaineDOT drafts official cooperating and participating invite letters to agencies, including the overall schedule, Purpose + Need (P+N), range of alternatives, and schedules.	6/15/2026
MaineDOT files EIS NOI in accordance with 327 MOU. Send to FHWA ME to publish in the Federal Register	7/1/2026
MaineDOT Environmental Office (under 327) officially invites cooperating agencies and participating agencies and provides P+N, alternatives, a history of previous coordination and consultation. Provides a coordination and schedule matrix for agencies to agree on.	7/2/2026
EIS NOI published in Federal Register. 2 year clock begins	7/15/2026
MaineDOT holds meetings with cooperating and participating agencies that request a meeting. MaineDOT recaps project history, P+N, alternatives, previous consultations, approvals for ESA, EFH, Section 106, Section 4(f) and all other federal processes under the NEPA umbrella with federal agencies. discusses EIS schedule.	8/2026
Agencies agree to the coordination and Schedule plan	8/30/2026
MaineDOT schedules public meeting in Machias to discuss history and process moving forward.	8/27/2026
MaineDOT leads public meeting w/ the public and agencies on project history, P+N, alternatives, and schedule. Discuss the EIS schedule. Open public comment period.	10/1/2026
MaineDOT Post schedule to Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard	10/12/2026
Public/agency comment period ends on P+ N and Alternatives.	10/31/2026

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MaineDOT finalizes the P+N and a reasonable range of alternatives.	11/14/2026
MaineDOT starts any required consultations and finalizes any previous consultations.	11/21/2026
MaineDOT starts draft NEPA EIS document with preferred alternative. Based on public meeting input/questions and all previous evaluations to date.	11/21/2026
Consultations conclude with agencies	2/19/2027
Draft EIS sent to MaineDOT Chief Counsel for review	3/5/2027
MaineDOT Draft NEPA EIS document Quality Review begins	3/5/2027
Quality review and legal review end	3/26/2027
MaineDOT signs Draft EIS	4/9/2027
MaineDOT Environmental Office drafts Federal Register Notice of Availability (NOA)	4/9/2027
Draft NEPA document NOA sent to FHWA ME in accordance with 327 MOU to Publish in Federal Register	4/16/2027
MaineDOT posts document on website and sends notice to public and participating/cooperating agencies for comments.	4/30/2027
MaineDOT schedules public meeting in Machias to discuss Draft NEPA EIS.	4/30/2027
Draft NEPA EIS document NOA published in Federal Register	4/30/2027
Public Meeting for draft NEPA EIS document	6/11/2027
Deadline for public and participating/cooperating agencies' comments on Draft NEPA EIS document	7/11/2027

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MaineDOT response to Draft EIS substantive comments and include in Final NEPA EIS document	7/18/2027
Final combined EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) drafted	7/25/2027
Maine DEP and USACE permit applications submitted for the preferred alternative.	7/25/2027
Final combined NEPA EIS/ROD document quality review by MaineDOT Environmental Office complete	8/8/2027
Final combined NEPA EIS/ROD document sent to MaineDOT Chief Counsel for legal sufficiency review	8/15/2027
Final combined NEPA EIS/ROD document quality and legal sufficiency review complete	9/5/2027
MaineDOT signs Final NEPA EIS/ROD document	9/12/2027
MaineDOT Environmental Office drafts Federal Register Notice of availability (NOA)	9/19/2027
MaineDOT sends the NOA to FHWA ME in accordance with the 327 MOU to publish in the Federal Register.	9/26/2027
Final NEPA EIS/ROD published in the Federal Register. MaineDOT posts document on website and sends notice to public and participating agencies.	10/10/2027
USACE permit issued	1/8/2028