

# Maine State Active Transportation Plan



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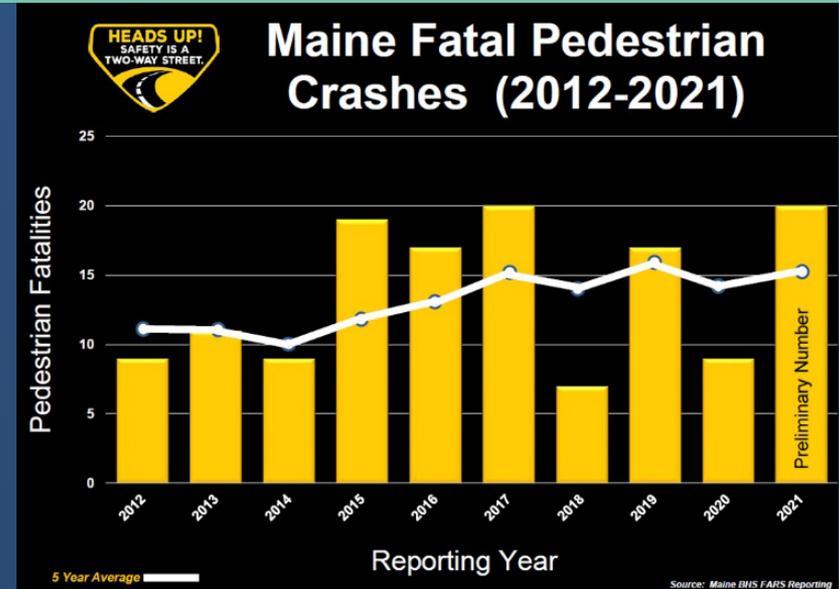
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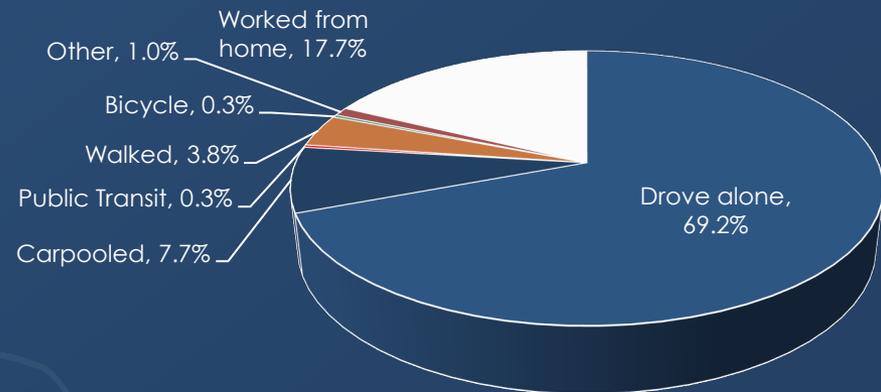
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# Existing Conditions

- Assessment of current practices and programs
- Existing AT infrastructure
- Trends impacting AT
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety analysis
- Review of peer states' AT plans
- Current AT funding



Maine Commuter Mode Share (2021 ACS 1-year estimate)



# Needs Assessment



## General needs categories:

- General programs and policies
- Complete Streets and trails
- Local cost sharing
- Public transit
- System equity
- Maintenance
- Roadway design
- AT programs

## On-Road: more facilities

- High-Priority Active Transportation (HPAT) highway corridors & shoulders (rural HCP 3 & 4)
- Village and urban improvements (Gateway Treatments, Complete Streets & VPI)

## Off-Road: expand trails

- Arterials vision and other requests -> HPAT trail network
- State-owned, inactive rail corridors & RUAC



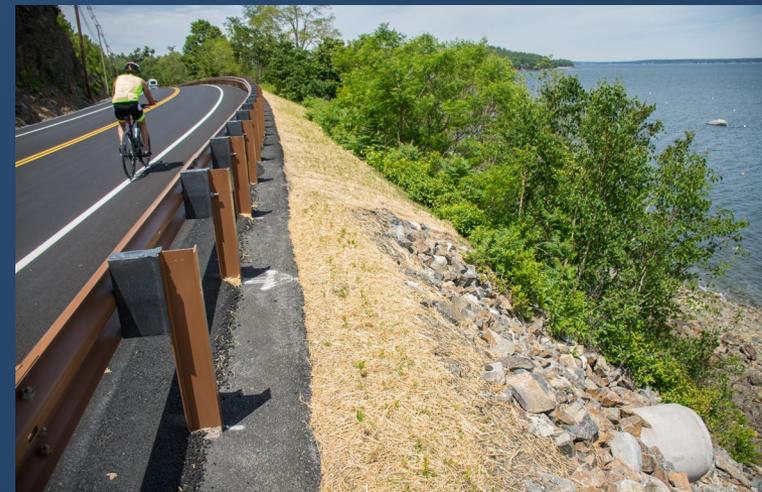
# Vision



MaineDOT will maintain, improve, and expand safe AT options statewide by leveraging investments in infrastructure to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety; expand mobility; support economic development; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and enhance community vibrancy, quality of life, and public health for Maine people and visitors alike.

MaineDOT envisions an AT system that:

1. Supports and improves people's quality of life and ability to access jobs, education, businesses, healthcare, essential services, social/recreational opportunities, and other destinations;
2. Can serve as a first- and last-mile connection to other modes of transportation;
3. Is accessible to all Maine people and visitors; and
4. Can serve as an integrated, safe, and connected system regionally and statewide.



# Goals and Strategies



## Goal 1: Make prioritized, cost-effective improvements to the on-road AT network

- Strategy 1A: Improve AT in villages and downtowns.
- Strategy 1B: Improve AT on rural roads by paving shoulders along High-Priority AT corridors.
- Strategy 1C: Assess speed limits and identify opportunities to adjust road design.



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## Goal 2: Make prioritized expansions to the off-road AT network, given available resources

- Strategy 2A: Develop a list of High-Priority AT trails and begin building out the network.
- Strategy 2B: Pending community feedback, RUAC recommendations, and legislative approval, develop HPAT trails along some state-owned inactive rail corridors.



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## Goal 3: Enhance multimodal connections for all Maine people

- Strategy 3A: Increase AT access to multimodal connections.
- Strategy 3B: Provide additional consideration for underserved communities.



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## Goal 4: Improve AT education and outreach efforts

- Strategy 4A: Support regions, Tribes and Nations, and municipalities in their AT planning, implementation, and maintenance efforts.
- Strategy 4B: Continue AT education and outreach efforts directed at all transportation system users.



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## Goal 5: Identify and pursue new funding opportunities

- Strategy 5A: Continue existing funding.
- Strategy 5B: Explore and pursue new and expanded funding opportunities.
- Strategy 5C: Review local match policy.



# Implementation & Next Steps

- Maintain and enhance regular outreach and coordination regarding AT efforts
- Work with stakeholders to identify and assess on-road and off-road HPAT corridors.
- Begin review and update of the MaineDOT Complete Streets Policy
- Conduct regular reviews of MaineDOT's progress towards achieving the five AT Plan goals, utilizing the Active Transportation Advisory Council
- Continue coordination between MaineDOT and other agencies to track existing performance measures related to AT
- Expand coordination with other state agencies regarding program and policy recommendations that will require their collaboration and support
- Continue to identify new funding opportunities to support implementation of the AT Plan strategies



Thank you!

