

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
FY2025-26 CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS “CRISI”
GRANT APPLICATION**

**Northern Aroostook Rail Gateway Modernization and
Safety Project**

Maine Department of Transportation

**APPENDIX A:
Financial Commitment Letter**



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Dale F. Doughty
COMMISSIONER

June 22, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Sean Duffy,

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 26 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, Northern Aroostook Rail Gateway Modernization and Safety Project, submitted by MaineDOT are committed, will be provided, and are available.

MaineDOT has signed commitments from Eastern Maine Railway as project partners for all matching funds.

Sincerely,

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Dale F. Doughty

Commissioner

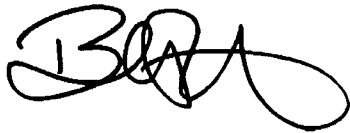
June 8, 2026

Maine Department of Transportation
Mr. Dale F. Doughty
MaineDOT Commissioner
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Commissioner Doughty,

As part of the 2026 Northern Aroostook Rail Gateway Modernization and Safety CRISI proposal, Eastern Maine Railway (EMR) and Maine Northern Railway (MNR) commit to contribute a total of \$9,260,000 for the track construction and improvements from Ashland to Madawaska (MNR – Madawaska Subdivision) and from Madawaska to Van Buren (EMR – Van Buren Subdivision), providing the requested CRISI grant funding is made available.

Regards,

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Brad Peters
General Manager
Eastern Maine Railway

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fisher', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.

Andrew Fisher
Group Vice President
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