

SPARKING NEW LIFE INTO MAINE'S STAR CITY PROJECT

FUNDING COMMITMENT DOCUMENTATION

MaineDOT and the City of Presque Isle are committed to fully funding their match portions of Project costs, including any additional costs that may exceed the estimated Project cost. MaineDOT is very experienced working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund, construct, manage, and complete Federally funded infrastructure projects.

The following funding commitment letters are included in this section:

1. Maine Department of Transportation
2. City of Presque Isle



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February 11, 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 Duffy:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program application *Sparkling New Life into Maine's Star City Project* submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$24,560,000 in FY 2026 BUILD funds, matched by \$3,070,000 in State funds, and \$3,070,000 from the City of Presque Isle. If awarded, this project will be included in MaineDOT's Work Plan, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is consistent with MaineDOT's long-range plan.

Sincerely,

Dale F. Doughty
Commissioner



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January 6, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Maine Department of Transportation's application to fund the *Sparkling New Life into Maine's Star City Project* under the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Secretary of Transportation,

The City of Presque Isle is writing in support of MaineDOT and City of Presque Isle's funding request FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant. The *Sparkling New Life into Maine's Star City Project* ("Project") consists of significantly improving multimodal infrastructure and increasing safe access to businesses along Main Street/U.S. Route 1 through downtown Presque Isle. The Project is part of MaineDOT's Village Partnership Initiative.

The City of Presque Isle is a significant regional service center in rural northern Maine. U.S. Route 1, which bisects downtown, has long been the sole freight route in the region, serving the area's important forestry, agriculture, and military industries and is a vital trade lane with Canada. Because of growing freight and regional traffic, the city's downtown transportation infrastructure experiences significant deterioration and contributes to unsafe conditions for users of all transportation modes.

The Project includes:

- Redesigning numerous streets to include safe traffic calming features, sidewalks, and crosswalks;
- Repaving or rebuilding roadways, sidewalks, and pathways to address structural deficiencies; and
- Reconfiguring a dangerous five-way intersection to reduce crashes and increase multimodal safety.

The City of Presque Isle has committed \$3,070,000.00 non-federal match towards the MaineDOT's BUILD Grant application *Sparkling New Life into Maine's Star City Project*. The City of Presque Isle has the funds available for its portion of the non-federal match of this project.

Sincerely,

Sonja Eyler,
City Manager