

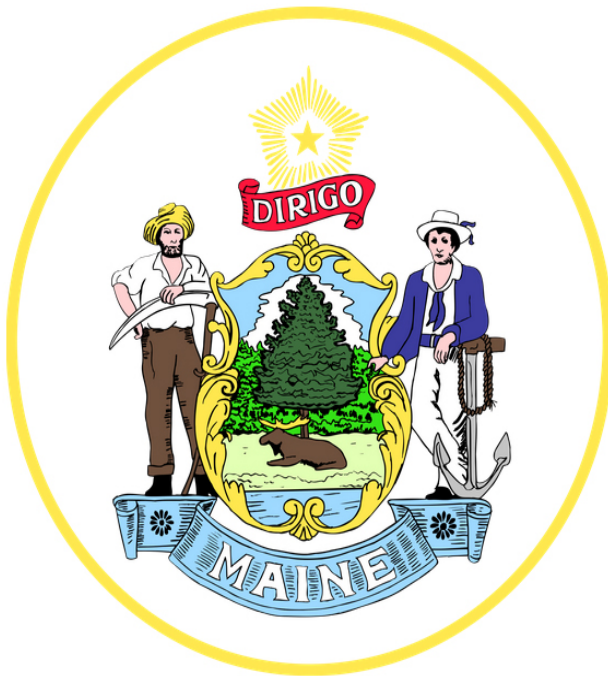
Wells Route 1 Community Gateway Beautification and Safety Project in Wells, Maine

FUNDING COMMITMENT DOCUMENTATION

MaineDOT and the Town of Wells 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. Town of Wells, Maine





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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 *Route 1 Community Gateway Beautification and Safety Project Wells, Maine* submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$25,000,000 in FY 2026 BUILD funds, matched by \$2,962,900 in State funds, and \$2,962,900 from the Town of Wells. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale F. Doughty", written in a cursive style.

Dale F. Doughty
Commissioner



TOWN OF WELLS

Wells, Maine

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January 21, 2026

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

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds for MaineDOT Application to the USDOT FY26 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Town of Wells is fully committed to matching funds for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant application for the MaineDOT “**Route 1 Community Gateway Beautification and Safety Project in Wells, Maine**” project.

The Town of Wells supports the proposed MaineDOT project that would optimize the safety, mobility, and efficiency of motorists along the congested Route 1 corridor resulting in modern, beautiful gateway treatments fitting of the character of Wells. While also improving safety for families and individuals, the Project will also support the economic development of many family-run businesses in this key tourist destination.

The proposed project is a result of a MaineDOT and Town of Wells Planning Partnership Initiative (PPI). The PPI developed a Planning and Feasibility Study to improve the transportation network while fostering economic development. A Roadside Safety Assessment (RSA) was conducted to evaluate safety issues and High Crash Locations (HCLs). The overall study included robust public involvement to gather community input. The benefits of the project will positively impact not only residents and employees but the significant number of tourists and seasonal workers that rely on safe access to family-run businesses and jobs in Wells.

MaineDOT seeks \$25,000,000 in FY 2026 BUILD Discretionary Grant funding which will be matched by \$2,962,900 in MaineDOT funding and \$2,962,900 from the Town of Wells. This project will transform the Route 1 corridor into a true downtown that serves residents and visitors of all ages by making transportation safer and more reliable. I urge your favorable consideration for the MaineDOT grant submission.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Pardue
Town Manager