

**Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick (OPEN in  
Brunswick) Project  
Maine Department of Transportation**

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program

# FUNDING COMMITMENT DOCUMENTATION

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



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January 27, 2025

The Honorable Judith Kaleta, Acting Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Acting Secretary Judith Kaleta,

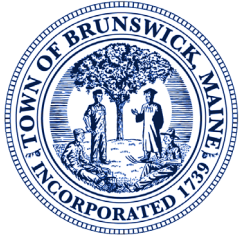
This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program application *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick (OPEN in Brunswick)* submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$25,000,000 in FY 2025 BUILD funds, matched by \$3,125,000 in State funds, and \$3,125,000 from the Town of Brunswick. 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 "Bruce A. Van Note".

Bruce A. Van Note  
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Secretary  
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**RE: Maine Department of Transportation's application to fund the *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick (OPEN in Brunswick) Project* under the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program**

Dear Secretary of Transportation,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's ("MaineDOT") application for an FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant award. The application outlines important plans to significantly improve safety and mobility in downtown Brunswick, Maine, under the *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick (OPEN in Brunswick) Project* ("Project").

Like many towns in Maine, Brunswick is struggling to balance aging infrastructure with population growth. The Project addresses this challenge by constructing new and significantly improved infrastructure to create transportation options for all users. Project improvements include:

- Reconstructing streets to include traffic calming features and ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks;
- Building a safe and modern multi-use pathway connecting two currently disjointed paths;
- Redesigning a one-way street;
- Resurfacing streets;
- Implementing drainage improvements; and
- Improving a bus stop

The Project will generate safety improvements in high crash areas, mitigate congestion, accommodate local and regional traffic more efficiently, and increase mobility and accessibility for all transportation modes—without widening streets.

The Town of Brunswick, through a vote of the Brunswick Town Council on December 18, 2024, has committed to provide \$3,125,000, its portion of the required non-federal matching funding toward the BUILD project application.

We are pleased to be partnering with the MaineDOT on this very important Project and hope USDOT will assist in funding these improvements. Modernizing streets while simultaneously improving pedestrian facilities will result in safe and efficient mobility in a regional service center. We respectfully request the Office of the Secretary of Transportation give favorable consideration to the *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick (OPEN in Brunswick) Project*.

Sincerely,



Julia A.C. Henze  
Town Manager