



**THE MAINE
LEGISLATURE**

August 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing to express our support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application to the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program. It is with great enthusiasm that we endorse their proposal to secure funding for a vital project aimed at enhancing the resilience of transportation infrastructure in a community we represent in the Maine Legislature.

The proposed project, which seeks to elevate a section of East Side Road in Addison, Maine, holds immense promise in bolstering the resilience of our region's transportation network through strategic climate adaptation measures. The existing causeway traverses a low-lying creek and is at a heightened risk due to rising sea levels and its proximity to tidal Pleasant Bay.

By raising the roadway and associated bridge above astronomical high tide levels, this project will significantly reduce the vulnerability of East Side Road to flooding events, ensuring uninterrupted access to critical emergency services.

We commend MaineDOT's commitment to improving the resiliency of Maine's transportation infrastructure. Their proactive approach aligns perfectly with the overarching goals of the PROTECT Program and we urge you to grant them the funding they are seeking.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marianne Moore in blue ink.

Marianne Moore
State Senator

Handwritten signature of Tiffany Strout in blue ink.

Tiffany Strout
State Representative