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The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application to the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.

MaineDOT is requesting \$25 million in federal funding to support a \$31.2 million initiative to revitalize the Town of Brunswick, Maine's infrastructure. The project, titled *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick* (OPEN in Brunswick), is designed to modernize aging infrastructure in a community that serves as a regional center for employment, retail, and healthcare.

Like many communities in Maine, Brunswick faces the dual challenge of aging infrastructure and a growing population. This project will help address that by enhancing transportation options for all users through a series of key upgrades. Planned improvements include the reconstruction of streets with traffic-calming features, the installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, the conversion of a one-way street into a two-way street, and the resurfacing of several downtown streets, all accompanied by drainage enhancements.

The anticipated outcomes of this project include improved safety in high-crash areas, reduced congestion, more efficient traffic flow, and enhanced accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers—without the need for street widening.

For these reasons, I strongly support MaineDOT's application for funding under the BUILD Grant Program. I encourage you to consider their application, in accordance with all appropriate rules and regulations, to ensure the success of this vital project for the Town of Brunswick. Please let Adam Lachman in my office (202-224-5344) know if you have any questions and when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,

United States Senator