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

Re: Support Letter for Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and Town of Wells  
Application to the **USDOT FY25 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability  
and Equity (RAISE)** Grant Program

Dear Secretary of Transportation:

The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is pleased to submit this letter in support of MaineDOT and the Town of Wells's funding request to the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant application for the MaineDOT Wells Route 1 Community Gateway: *Implementing a Multimodal Vision for Transportation in Wells, Maine Project*.

SMPDC, which houses the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation System (KACTS) MPO, has worked closely with MaineDOT and Wells to improve safety mobility throughout the region and ensure economic competitiveness. This proposed project will help attain regional goals for active transportation users, while optimizing efficiency for motorists along the congested Route 1 corridor. KACTS 2024 Safety Action Plan, has identified Route 1 in Wells among the regions highest risk roads and the MPOs highest priority for investments in transportation safety improvements.

Sincerely,

Dean Williams  
Transportation Division Director