



TOWN OF WELLS

Wells, Maine

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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 Wells Board of Selectmen is writing in support of MaineDOT and the Town of Wells' 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*.

The MaineDOT and Wells proposed project will improve safety and amenities for active transportation users, while optimizing the mobility and efficiency of motorists along the congested Route 1 corridor. Grant funding would allow the addition of sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signal hardware upgrades, enhanced crossings, expanded transit stops, pedestrian lighting, and other amenities to maintain or improve operations along the Route 1 corridor. The Project will transform 5.6 miles of Route 1 in Wells into a more continuous, connected multimodal transportation network that serves all roadway users in Wells, while supporting economic growth and improving quality of life in this rural community.

We support this transformational project to create a community gateway along the Route 1 corridor in Wells that will reduce vehicle trips and vehicle emissions through implementation of multimodal opportunities. The Town of Wells is a growing residential community, including more and more travelers making it their vacation destination, which adds to the increased traffic flow along the 5.6 miles of Route One in Wells. The addition of more traffic lights at difficult intersections, as well as added crosswalks, sidewalks, improved traffic flow patterns along with the numerous other safety features will provide enhanced safety along the Route One corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K. MacLeod III".

John K. MacLeod III
Chair, Board of Selectmen