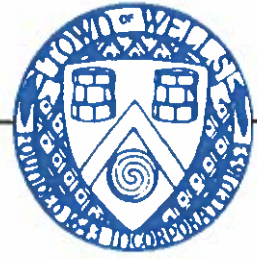




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Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Letter of Support 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 Police Department 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.

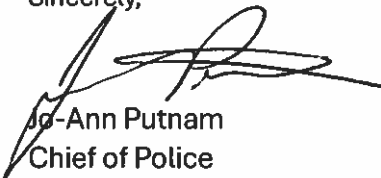
We support this transformational project to create a community gateway along the Route 1 corridor in Wells that will reduce vehicle trips and vehicle emissions through implementation of multimodal opportunities.

The main reason we are in favor of this initiative is the significant increase in vehicular traffic that occurs during the summer months. At times, this congestion causes travel times to increase by two to three times the normal duration along the same stretch of road.

We are hopeful that the addition of new sidewalks and bicycle paths will provide an alternative mode of transportation, encouraging both residents and visitors to walk and bike rather than rely solely on their vehicles. Not only will this help alleviate traffic congestion, but it will also offer a safer, more accessible way to navigate the Route 1 corridor.

Thank you for considering this important project. We look forward to its positive impact on our community.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police