

January 17, 2025

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:

York County Community College 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. This project aligns with York County Community College's commitment to supporting accessibility, safety and sustainability for our students, faculty, and the broader community. Improved multimodal transportation options along the Route 1 corridor will enhance access to educational opportunities for our commuter students, many of whom rely on public transit, biking, or walking to reach campus. Additionally, the project will promote environmental sustainability by reducing vehicle dependency, aligning with our efforts to foster a greener and more connected community. We strongly support this investment in infrastructure to better serve the needs of our region.

Sincerely,



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