

Urban Compact Areas **State vs Municipal Maintenance Responsibilities on State and State Aid Highways**

Title 23 § 754-- Town maintenance in compact areas—

1. Jurisdiction-- all state and state aid highways within compact areas of urban compact municipalities, as defined in subsection 2, as determined by the department must be maintained in good repair by the town in which the highways are located at the expense of the town.

Per 23 § 2, the definition of "highway" means all of the right-of-way that may have been laid out by the State, county or town.

Municipal urban maintenance duties

- Winter snow & ice control
- Pothole repair
- Pavement markings per MUTCD (centerline, arrows, words, symbols, crosswalks and edgeline (if any))
- Traffic signs per MUTCD (regulatory, warning and advisory)
- Ditching
- Driveway and cross culvert cleaning, repair, and replacement
- Catch basin and underdrain cleaning and repair
- Surface treatments i.e. sand seals, chip seals, crack sealing, asphalt shimming
- Paving: town/city may elect to do thin (<1") paving overlays. Within MPO areas, state roads are subject to the agreement between the MPO's and DOT, however, if in or out of MPO's, paving on HCP 4 roads is the duty of the municipality, with Partnership Initiative options for highway improvements
- Traffic signal/support/foundation maintenance
- Guardrail installation or repair
- RR signs and pavement markings
- Brush cutting, erosion control, mowing, herbicide application
- Tree pruning or removal
- Retaining walls
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Dust control, street sweeping

MaineDOT maintenance duties

- Route and destination signs
- Bridge and minor span maintenance
- Speed Limit signs on state or state aid highways when first installed, or, at the location where a speed limit changes due to a recent DOT review