

Update on LD 1451: Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility

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LD 1451 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility

Five Sections:

1. Establish Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility
2. Members; selection of chair and vice chair
3. Duties, implementation plan
4. Development of implementation plan
5. Report

Section 1:
Establish the
Maine
Coordinating
Working
Group on
Access and
Mobility

Section 2:
Members,
selection of
chair and vice-
chair

LD 1451 Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility			
Working Group Seat	Member	Affiliation/Organization	Email
The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee	Joyce Taylor	MaineDOT	joyce.taylor@maine.gov
The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee	Roger Bondeson	DHHS	roger.bondeson@maine.gov
The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee	Melissa Beecher	DOE	melissa.beecher@maine.gov
The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee	Libby Stone-Sterling	DOL	libby.stone-sterling@maine.gov
One member from the Maine Office of Community Affairs, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services	Samantha Horn	Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA)	samantha.horn@maine.gov
One member who is a representative of a statewide transportation organization advocating for older adults, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Jessica Maurer	Maine Council on Aging	jmaurer@mainecouncilonaging.org
One member who is a representative of an organization representing persons with disabilities, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Megan Salvin	Disability Rights Maine	msalvin@drme.org
One member who is a representative of a statewide nonprofit organization advocating on behalf of people with low incomes, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Kirk Belleavance	Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)	kbellavance@kvcap.org
One member who is a representative from a statewide association of public transit providers, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Tom Reinauer	York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC)	thomas.reinauer@yccac.org
One member with lived experience with the Department of Health and Human Services' nonemergency transportation program, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Nathanael Batson	DBVI State Rehabilitation Council and the American Council of the Blind Maine	ntjbatson44@protonmail.ch
One member who is a representative of a statewide coalition focused on expanding transportation access, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Zoe Miller	Moving Maine Network	zoe@movingmaine.org
One member who is a representative of a youth-led organization, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging	Roz O'Reilly	JustME for JustUS	rozeoreilly@gmail.com
	Appointed by Commissioner		
	Appointed by MaineDOT Commissioner in consultation with Commissioner of Health and Human Services, Moving Maine Network, Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging		

Chair:
Joyce Taylor

Vice Chair:
Zoe Miller

**MaineDOT
Staff
assistance:**
Jennifer Grant
Ryan Neale

Section 3: Duties, implementation plan

The Working Group shall develop an implementation plan that includes a:

- Timeline
- Budget
- Staffing plan
- Detailed work plan

1. To establish a **mobility management approach** among state agencies to increase efficiency, accessibility and sustainability of transportation across the state.

2. Build **interagency coordination** between the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and other state agencies as determined to be relevant to increase efficiency and coordination of transportation funding

3. Use federal guidance and models from other jurisdictions to remove barriers to and to develop **methods of cost sharing** between federal and state programs to improve access to transportation across the state.

Section 4: Development of Implementation Plan

1. Review best practices in other states and jurisdictions
2. Use the USDOT FTA CCAM and MaineDOT Transit Plan to identify mobility management efforts
3. Identify regional structure and services that would be offered under a mobility management program
4. Determine the level of funding needed to sustainably operate a mobility management program
5. Identify additional funding mechanisms

The DOT may organize members of the Working Group into subgroups and hire a consultant to assist

Section 5: Report

Report back to Transportation Committee of the Maine Legislature to include an implementation plan, including any necessary legislation and appropriations

Current Status:

- Working Group meetings commenced in November 2025
- MaineDOT has hired AECOM with subconsultant RLS Associates to assist with development of the implementation plan
 - Currently researching and developing drafts of two memos to inform implementation plan

Next Steps:

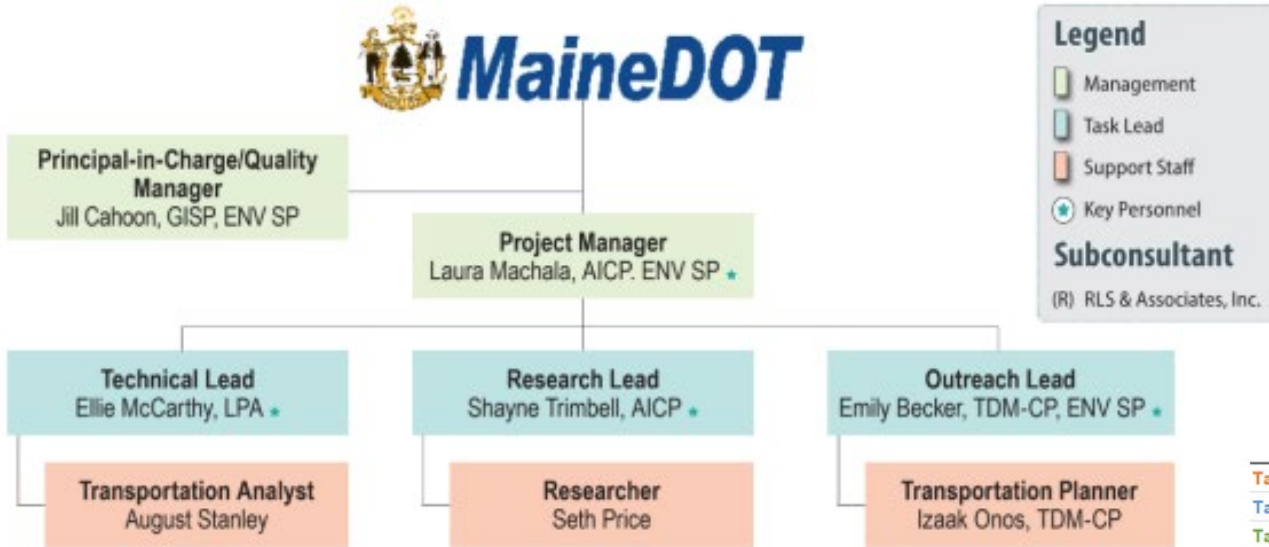
- Next **Working Group Meeting** on **May 5th 2:30-4:00 pm** via Zoom
- Consultant Team will be seeking input from Working Group on two memos this spring/summer
- **Draft** implementation plan available for public and stakeholder comment in **September 2026**
- **Final** Draft anticipated **November 2026**

Working Group Info available here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dot/programs-services/transit>

Consultant Project Team and Timeline

Figure 1. Project Organization Chart



AECOM PM: Laura Machala



Completion by end of 2026

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Task 1: Project Management	1							
Task 2: Public and Stakeholder Engagement							1	2
Task 3: Research and Memos			1		2			3
Task 4: Report to the Transportation Committee						1		2
Outcome/Product/Deliverable:								
Task 1:								
1. Project Management Plan								
Task 2:								
1. Public/Stakeholder Meeting Materials								
2. Memo summarizing public/stakeholder feedback								
3. Slide deck for legislature								
Task 3:								
1. Draft of both Memos								
2. Final of both Memos								
Task 4:								
1. Draft Report/Implementation Plan								
2. Final Report/Implementation Plan								



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