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September 14, 2020

Todd Jorgensen
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, Maine Division
Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building
40 Western Avenue
Augusta, ME 04330

Re: Statement of Interest – Surface Transportation Project Delivery

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (P.L. 112-141) was signed into law on July 6, 2012. MAP-21 creates a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program, promotes accelerating project delivery and encourages innovation. Section 1313 of MAP-21 amends 23 U.S.C 327, to establish a permanent Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program and allow any State to participate.

In accordance with 23 CFR 773.105, MaineDOT would like to expand our program by declaring our interest in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program in 23 U.S.C 327 to assume responsibilities for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all other Federal environmental laws pertaining to the review or approval of MaineDOT's transportation program. MaineDOT will be responsible for complying with all applicable Federal environmental laws and with FHWA environmental regulations and policies and will be legally responsible and liable for the environmental decisions made on MaineDOT's projects.

This letter is MaineDOT's declaration that we intend to submit an application to participate in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program. MaineDOT will reach out to your staff to set up a pre-application meeting in accordance with 23 CFR 773.107 (a).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce A. Van Note', written over a white background.

Bruce A. Van Note, Commissioner