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November 14, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovation (ATTAIN Program). MaineDOT is seeking funding for advanced technologies along the U.S. Route 1 and Bath Road corridor in Brunswick, ME, to improve safety and mobility for all roadway users and enhance transit reliability and ridership.

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Brunswick is a rural, regional hub and service center where people work, shop, and obtain medical care. It is home to Brunswick Landing: Maine's Center for Innovation, a growing regional business center with more than 100 businesses and nonprofits. It is also home to Bowdoin College, Mid Coast Hospital, and countless recreational opportunities. It borders Bath, which is the home to Bath Iron Works (BIW), a shipyard for the U.S. Navy and the fourth largest employer in Maine.

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This project directly supports my administration's climate change goals through improving accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians, enhancing transit along the corridor, and reducing emissions through operational efficiencies. It also supports economic development goals by creating a safer and more efficient corridor for all users to reach places of employment, improving the movement of freight, and improving access to recreational opportunities to support tourism.

I strongly support MaineDOT's grant application for this important project. I am hopeful that you will give the project your full consideration and award the requested funding.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills Governor





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This corridor faces challenges related to traffic congestion, travel time reliability, and safety. As state policy makers, we understand the importance of the transportation system to our communities. Our constituents rely on this corridor. This project is an important step towards making this corridor safer and more efficient for all users to support economic opportunity and quality of life.

We urge your careful consideration of this proposal, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and we are hopeful that you will award the requested funding.

Sincerely,

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November 10, 2022

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The Town is seeing rapid growth along the Bath Road corridor and in the Cook's Corner neighborhood. Businesses and residents are attracted to this corridor because of the opportunity it offers. Hundreds of housing units are being built to address our critical housing shortage, and the Town is working to implement Smart Growth principles. This grant will allow us to proactively manage the transportation needs in this neighborhood.

This is an important project to the region and to the state of Maine. We are hopeful you will give MDOT's application your full consideration and award this project.

Sincerely,

ohn Eldridge, Brunswick Town Manager



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This corridor also served as the primary access point to the 3,300-acre former Naval Air Station Brunswick facility which was closed as a result of a Base Realignment and Closure Action of the federal government in 2011. The former base is now home to Brunswick Landing, a mixed-use commercial, industrial, residential and recreational community with over 150 public, private and not for profit entities employing more than 2,500 employees in 2 million square feet. There are also 687 housing units with an additional 273 under construction. Route 1 and Bath Road both serve as critical arterials serving Brunswick Landing. This proposed project will allow the continued rapid and successful redevelopment of the former NAS Brunswick.

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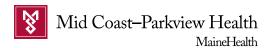
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The U.S. Route 1 and Bath Road corridors are vital economic arteries within the region and the state. Brunswick is a regional hub and the fastest growing area in Maine. Our community is an active service center where people work, play and shop. Along with Mid Coast Hospital, our primary care practices, specialty services, senior care and home health and hospice programs, Brunswick is home to Bowdoin College, the Landing: Maine's Center for Innovation, and two community college system programs.

The area offers diverse recreational opportunities and borders Bath, Maine, which is the home to General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, the fourth largest employer in Maine.

This project is important to those we serve, as improved traffic flow and safety throughout the Cook's Corner region will have a direct positive impact on the hospital, our programs and our practices in Bath. This project has the ability to support economic development and improve the quality of life.

I am hopeful you will give MaineDOT's application your full consideration and award this project.

Sincerely,

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Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) operates fixed route transit services in Brunswick, Maine with the Brunswick Link and operates the BlueLine commuter route to and from Bath connecting communities along the Route #196 corridor between Lewiston~Auburn, Maine and Bath, Maine. Both of these services are important to employees, employers, person going to medical and other important appointments as well to access services and needs that allow individuals to remain in their homes and be a vital part of their communities. This project will benefit public transit by increasing safety and efficiency for our riders, operators and others using this busy corridor along this Maine coastal route. Commuters will be more interested in using public transit as it becomes a more efficient alternative and this project is an important piece in reducing the use of single occupancy vehicles in this area.

This is an important project to the region and to the state of Maine. We are hopeful you will give MaineDOT's application your full consideration and award this project.

Sincerely,

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Vice President General Counsel

November 11, 2022

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This is an important project to the region, to the state of Maine, and to the employees of BIW. We are hopeful you will give MaineDOT's application your full consideration and award this project.

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