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Mr. Stephen Landry State Traffic Engineer Department of Transportation 16 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0016

Letter of Support for ATTAIN Grant Request for Route 1 Camera Installation in Aroostook County and Posted Bridges for Height Statewide

Dear Stephen:

I am writing to you to express our support for your proposed ATTAIN grant project that would provide data to roadway users for blowing snow/weather issues and low bridge warnings. As you know, a primary mission of Maine Motor Transport Association is highway safety. The type of data provided by this project would be valuable to our members and would likely aid in highway safety.

MMTA is pleased to have the opportunity to work with MaineDOT to implement the Travel Safely phone app or other connected vehicle technology that would allow our members access to this information. The ability to access the pan/tilt/zoom cameras at these locations would aid our members and their professional drivers in ascertaining travel conditions and best routes of travel as part of their trip planning.

Investing in modern technology such as what is proposed in this grant application aligns with the goal of creating a smarter and more efficient transportation network, something that MMTA supports. It reflects a proactive approach to addressing current and future challenges and we support MDOT's efforts with this grant application and hope that you are awarded this grant.

Sincerely,

Brian Parke, President and CEO

Maine Motor Transport Association