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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT's) recent application to the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.

MaineDOT is seeking \$25 million in federal funding to support the \$31.2 million "Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick" (OPEN in Brunswick) project. This initiative will make critical upgrades to aging infrastructure in the Town of Brunswick, a key regional hub for employment, retail, and healthcare in Maine.

Like many communities across the state, Brunswick faces the dual challenges of aging infrastructure and continued population growth. The OPEN in Brunswick project addresses these issues by modernizing transportation infrastructure to serve all users more safely and efficiently. The project includes traffic-calming roadway reconstructions, ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, the conversion of a one-way street into a more functional two-way route, and resurfacing of downtown streets with improved drainage systems.

By enhancing safety in high-crash areas, reducing congestion, and improving accessibility for all modes of transportation—without the need to widen roads—this project will deliver meaningful long-term benefits to the Brunswick community and the broader region.

For these reasons, I strongly support MaineDOT's request for federal funding and respectfully urge you to give their application full and favorable consideration, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress