

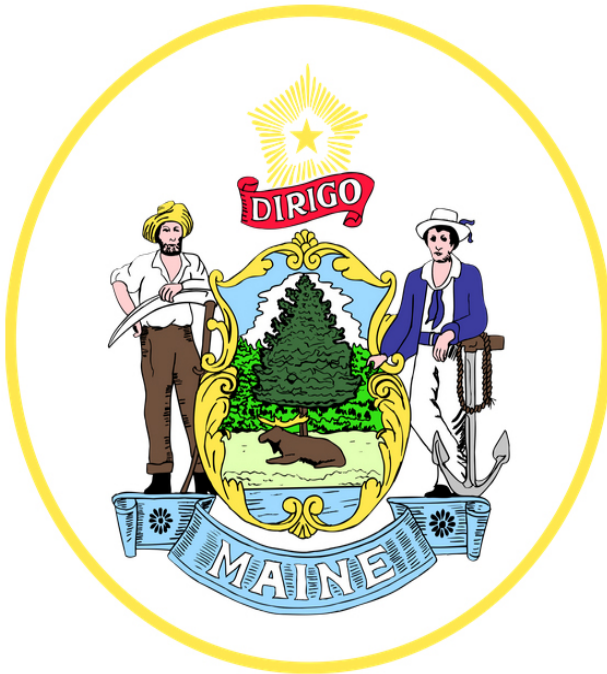
Wells Route 1 Community Gateway: Implementing a Multimodal Vision for Transportation in Wells, ME

FUNDING COMMITMENT DOCUMENTATION

MaineDOT and the Town of Wells are committed to fully funding their match portions of Project costs, including any additional costs that may exceed the estimated Project cost. MaineDOT is very experienced working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund, construct, manage, and complete Federally funded infrastructure projects.

The following funding commitment letters are included in this section:

1. Maine Department of Transportation
2. Town of Wells, Maine





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January 27, 2025

The Honorable Judith Kaleta, Acting Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

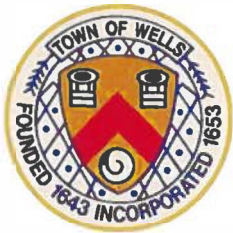
Dear Acting Secretary Kaleta:

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program application *Wells Route 1 Community Gateway: Implementing a Multimodal Vision for Transportation in Wells, ME* submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$23,703,200 in FY 2025 BUILD funds, matched by \$2,962,900 in State funds, and \$2,962,900 from the City of Presque Isle. This project will be included in MaineDOT's Work Plan, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is consistent with MaineDOT's long-range plan.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Van Note
Commissioner



TOWN OF WELLS

Wells, Maine

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Re: Assurance of Matching Funds for MaineDOT Application to the USDOT FY25 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Dear Acting Secretary of Transportation Kaleta:

The Town of Wells is fully committed to matching funds for the 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant application for the MaineDOT “**Route 1 Community Gateway, Implementing a Multimodal Vision for Transportation in Wells, Maine**” project.

The Town of Wells supports the proposed MaineDOT project that would improve safety and amenities for active transportation users, while optimizing the mobility and efficiency of motorists along the congested Route 1 corridor. Grant funding would allow the addition of sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signal hardware upgrades, enhanced crossings, expanded transit stops, pedestrian lighting, and other amenities to maintain or improve operations along the Route 1 corridor. The Town of Wells does not have a typical downtown village, but rather an extensive single corridor of business and residential developments. These proposed transportation improvements and enhancements would increase multimodal connectivity between US Route 1 to the tourist-oriented beach destinations.

The proposed project is a result of a MaineDOT and Town of Wells Planning Partnership Initiative (PPI). The PPI developed a Planning and Feasibility Study to improve the traffic network with a focus on active transportation while fostering economic development. A Roadside Safety Assessment (RSA) was conducted to evaluate safety issues and High Crash Locations (HCLs). The overall study included robust public involvement to gather community input. The benefits of the project will positively impact not only residents and employees but the significant number of tourists and seasonal workers that rely on active transportation to access jobs in Wells.

MaineDOT seeks \$23,703,200 in FY2025 BUILD Discretionary Grant funding which will be matched by \$2,962,900 in MaineDOT funding and \$2,962,900 from the Town of Wells. This project will transform the Route 1 corridor making all modes of transportation safer and more reliable. I urge your favorable consideration for the MaineDOT grant submission.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Pardue
Town Manager