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Acadia National Park

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To: Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT)

From: Chief of Facility Management, Acadia National Park

RE: Letter of Support for Eastern Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Project Application

To whom it may concern,

Acadia National Park representatives met with MDOT Regional Transportation Planner, Matthew Drost to discuss several projects that benefit visitor access to Acadia National Park.

The work includes road surface treatments and lane alignment to accommodate alternative transportation users and the engineering, design, and construction of adequate drainage. In addition, the work includes repairs to a significant culvert/bridge structure in poor condition. Should this culvert experience a failure it would have deleterious effects on visitor access to Acadia. All work is within the right-of-way of the roads that directly provide access to the National Park.

We acknowledge MDOT's application for FLAP funding and fully endorse the projects that the State is considering for providing safe access to Acadia National Park.

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To: Maine Department of Transportation and the Eastern Federal Lands/ Programming Decisions Committee

HCPC is a non-profit voluntary association of local governments formed to help local communities and the Hancock County region by providing community planning and development services to local officials.

I am writing to support MaineDOT's FLAP application for the West Street Extension in Bar Harbor, Maine. The proposed work would address needed surface treatments and lane alignment to ameliorate several issues:

- improving pedestrian and bicycle safety,
- addressing climate change risks of an under- performing culvert that is nearing its expected service life
- maintaining a high quality of visitor experience in one of Maine's most popular tourist destinations

West Street extension is one of the main access routes to Acadia National Park and a significant active transportation corridor for Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Island. It also is a part of the Acadia All American Road. We strongly encourage you to support MaineDOT's FLAP application to continue safe and climate-resilient access to Acadia National Park and the town of Bar Harbor.

Sincerely,

James Fisher, Chairman, Board of Directors