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David Bernhardt, Commissioner
Maine Department of Transportation
State House Station 16
Augusta, ME 04333

Subject: Final Approval - Interchange Modification Report, I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study

Dear Commissioner Bernhardt:

The subject interchange modification is approved. The NEPA process was completed on June 23, 2016 with the issuance of the Record of Decision. The Interchange Modification Report (IMR) and your August 16, 2016 letter satisfactorily address the eight policy points outlined in the "Maine Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Policy for Interstate Access Point Approval" and "FHWA's Interstate System Access Informational Guide".

Please be aware that any substantial changes in condition or design (e.g., land use, traffic volumes, roadway configuration or design, environmental commitments) warrant reevaluation in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129. If this project has not progressed to construction within 8 years of the affirmative determination of engineering and operational acceptability (February 7, 2013), an updated justification report based on current and projected future conditions must be submitted to FHWA. A written evaluation of the final EIS will be required before further approvals may be granted if major steps to advance the action have not occurred within three years after the approval of the final EIS or the last major FHWA approval. Reevaluations must demonstrate that the information presented in the original NEPA documents remain an accurate analysis of the anticipated project impacts.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Emington of my staff at (207)512-4919.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Jorgensen
Division Administrator

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