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Bruce A. Van Note COMMISSIONER

December 13, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Assurance of Matching Funds

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter serves as evidence of assurance by the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) that matching funds for the FY 2023-2024 National Scenic Byways Program " Schoodic National Scenic Byway Discovery & Recreation Hub " submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$800,000 in FY 2023-2024 National Scenic Byways Program funds, matched by \$100,000 in State funds in Cash, \$100,000 from the town of Sullivan, in cash and in kind. This project will be included in MaineDOT's Work Plan, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is consistent with with MaineDOT's long-range plan. MaineDOT is committed to providing these matching funds to the Federal Funds Requested.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Van Note Commissioner



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

RE: Support Letter for Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) and Town of Sullivan to the Federal Highway Administration FY 2023 & FY 2024 National Scenic Byway Program Grant Application.

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The Town of Sullivan is writing in support of Maine DOT and the Town of Sullivan's funding request to the Federal Highway Administration FY 2023 & FY 2024 National Scenic Byway Program for the Schoodic National Scenic Byway Discovery & Recreation Hub project located at the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center situated on Route 1, adjacent to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway.

The proposed site improvements will mesh perfectly with existing recreation center site activities (local events, library, historical society, and town recreation facilities) and compliment state owned scenic overlooks nearby. The project will demonstrate that a regional approach of combining community and visitor activities in one location will deliver the greatest benefits in recreation, social engagement, fairness, and economic growth.

The Town of Sullivan as a shared property owner, is collaborating with various local organizations to provide matching funds for the project, showcasing a strong commitment to community development. For its part, the Town of Sullivan commits non-federal match funding in the form of \$60k cash and \$40k pre-approval in-kind match in the form of granite available for use at the site.

Sincerely,

Ray Weintraub Sullivan Town Manager