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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 " Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway" submitted by MaineDOT are committed and will be provided.

MaineDOT is seeking \$660,000 in FY 2023-2024 National Scenic Byways Program funds, matched by \$82,500 in State funds in Cash, \$82,5000 from the Forks Plantation, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bruce A. Van Note".

Bruce A. Van Note
Commissioner

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The Forks Plantation
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December 9th, 2024

**Re: Local funding and support for the Federal Highway Administration FY2023 & FY2024
National Scenic Byway Program Grant Application project titled:**

Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway Project

**To: The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:


The Forks Plantation of Maine is writing to you with support of this project to create an inviting visitor center and trailhead in The Forks on the Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway (OCR), one of The United States' oldest scenic byways located on a major state highway connecting Central Maine to Quebec, Canada.

As members and leaders of the community with a stake in the economic opportunities it can attract and the visitor experiences that can be enhanced by this project, the Forks Plantation Board of Assessors commits to \$82,500 in non-federal match towards MaineDOT's National Scenic Byway Program grant application. Additionally, we intend to present to the voters of The Forks Plantation the opportunity to approve raising further municipal funds to further support this project at our annual town meeting in June of 2025.

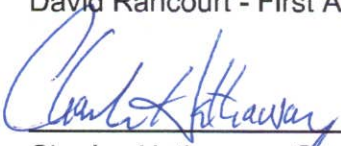
In a cooperative effort, we join with other local organizations along the byway in supporting this project in any and every way possible. We commit to working closely with the Maine Department of Transportation and the Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway to complete the work for this project.

Best Regards,


The Forks Plantation Board of Assessors



David Rancourt - First Assessor



Charles Hathaway - Second Assessor



Justin Stimpson - Third Assessor