Madawaska/ Edmundston International Bridge and Border Crossing

Public Information and Scoping Session
Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to provide for the long-term safe and efficient flow of current and projected traffic volumes, including the movement of goods and people between Edmundston, New Brunswick and Madawaska, Maine.

The proposed project is needed because 1) the existing International Bridge is nearing the end of its useful life, and 2) the existing Madawaska Land Port of Entry is substandard, inhibiting the agencies assigned to the Port from adequately fulfilling their respective missions.
Basic Facts

- Bridge replacement includes existing bridge removal
- Rehabilitating existing bridge was evaluated
- New bridge – 2 lanes, shoulders, and sidewalk
- Madawaska LPOE will be replaced
- Edmundston POE – constructed 1992, meets long-term needs
- New crossing designed to last 75 years
12+ Crossing Locations Evaluated

Legend
- Cultural Resource Building Point
- Libraries
- Fire Station / EMS
- Cemeteries
- Ambulance
- School
- Park
- Police
- Nursing Homes
- Alternative Bridge Options
  - Bridge
  - Bridge ROW
  - Port of Entry Property
  - Road
  - Railroads
- Stream Flowline
- Regulated Wetlands Map (RWM)-30 Meter Buffer
- Man Made Structures to Access Water
- Canada Crown Lands
- Conserved Lands - ME
- Aboriginal Lands
- Flood 2008 - Canada
- Protected Wellfields

Waters
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Wetlands - Canada
- Stream/River Area

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1 inch = 3,000 feet

Feet
Selected Downtown Location

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Schedule – Best Case Scenario

- Agencies are working hard to deliver
- International Bridge
  - Design completed – 2019
  - Construction – 2020, pending approvals
  - New bridge open – 2022, best case
- Madawaska LPOE
  - To open with the bridge
- Schedule is ambitious, periodic updates
Next Steps

- Project website kept up to date: http://www.maine.gov/mdot/planning/studies/meib/
- Feasibility and Planning Study – complete early 2018
- Bridge and LPOE design
- Federal, State, and Provincial agencies to provide regular updates on developments, progress, and next steps
- Questions or comments? Submit online or:

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