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Subject: Letter of Partnership for ATTAIN Grant Request for Aroostook County Route 1 and Route 11 Weather Information, specifically for blowing snow

Dear Stephen:

I am writing to you to express our support for your proposed ATTAIN grant project to provide data to roadway users weather information for select roadways in Aroostook County. This type of information would prove valuable to the vehicular drivers on all Aroostook County roadways.

Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency is pleased to have the opportunity to work with MaineDOT to provide access to the Travel Safely phone app or other connected vehicle technology to allow drivers to access this information while driving. Our EMA is also looking forward to access to the pan/tilt/zoom cameras at these locations to aid our constituents in ascertaining travel conditions before making decisions on how and when they will travel. We believe it is important for people to know about weather-related issues before they schedule their travel and to also have a safe way to readily get updates as they are driving. The geo-fencing capabilities of the app will allow MaineDOT significant flexibility in relaying information to those that need it the most.

Aroostook County EMA believes strongly in the sharing of data to ensure our associates have the most up to date information, keeping them and first responders safe. Investing in modern technology such as what is proposed in this grant application aligns with the goal of creating a smarter and more efficient transportation network. It reflects a pro-active approach to addressing current and future challenges.

Aroostook County EMA supports MaineDOT's application for the ATTAIN grant and chooses to partner with us to provide this much needed information. We believe this is a worthwhile investment and we hope MaineDOT is awarded this grant. Aroostook County EMA looks forward to working with MaineDOT on this project.

Sincerely,

Darren R. Woods, Director  
Aroostook County Emergency Management